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OAKLAND, MARYLAND

Feb. 2--Weather was spring-like till Sun. p.m. it started to snow a couple inches. Then Mon. it rained and froze, but up to 50 degrees this morn.

Monroe Weavers, Budget scribe of Holmesville, Ohio and granddaughter Lois Weaver of Mt. Crawford, Va. were here Sun. night on their way home from Va.

William, son of Homer Slabaugh, was in the Morgantown hospital a few days as he has acute glamora nephritis (a kidney problem), but is better and was able to come home yesterday.

Mrs. Edwin Beachy was able to attend Sun. school again Sun.

Joe Zook is also improving slowly and is not to do much work or lift more than 10 lbs.

Going to New Wilmington, Pa. yesterday were Mrs. Norman & Mrs. Ernest Schrock, Mrs. Henry Petersheim and Mrs. Rachel Swartzentruber. They took out bed covers and other items to the family that had fire, the Andy Bylers, whose house burned down. Andy's wife's mother grew up in the same home as Cora Schrock did, so they considered themselves sisters. They are both deceased.

Just heard Mrs. Roy (Esther) Yoder of Bittinger, Md., our local school teacher, had an emergency brain tumor operation at Sacred Heart Hospital last night.

Atlee Hershbergers

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

Jan. 31--We are having ice right now; it clung to everything making some beautiful sights.

The John Peachey family and Kenneth Yoder were to Antrim, Oh. for the Miller-Lapp wedding Sat. They came home in time for Sun. evening services.

Our visitors Sun. morning were Allen, James and Joanna Stoltzfus, McVeytown, Lana Sue Yoder and Steve Esh, Flemingsburg, Ky. and Dave and Rachel Schwartz, Mt. Perry, Oh. Steve and Dave were here to visit their special friends.

In our services Sun. evening Harlan and Linda Garber were chosen by lot to meet the needs of our brethren in Costa Rica in the line of carpentry. David and Ada Troyer shared the lot with them. Visitors were Abner Kauffmans and 2 daus., David Yoders, Danny Troyer and Edwin Landis of Bedford, Alvin Landis Jr. and a Yoder boy of Breckinridge, Ky., Ura Garbers, Mt. Perry, Oh. and the Stoltzfus youth of McVeytown.

Raymond Fisher and Ernie and Kenneth Yoder left Sun. evening to take Anthony Suarez, to Ga. to visit some friends at Montezuma and then to the airport at Atlanta. They met Anthony at Charleston, W.Va. Dan Eshes of Flemingsburg brought them over there to meet them. These boys discovered after the plane left that Anthony had left his passport behind.

Mon. noon Eli Yoders left for Honduras and Costa Rica, planning to be gone at least a month. Eli hopes to do some excavating work in Costa Rica.

Mrs. Urie Kanagy

GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Jan. 30--Mark Otto, 75, son of the late Jacob and Rachel (Livengood) Otto died Jan. 16th. He is survived by his widow, Dixie Beachy Otto two sons and three daughters. Mark will be remembered as the owner and manager of what was known as "The Round House" or Otto's Service Station in Springs, Pa. for 58 yrs. Funeral services were held at the Thomas Funeral Home with Rev. David E. Fetter pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church officiating. Mrs. Otto, who was having health problems was admitted to the hospital the day after the funeral.

Lloyd E. Yoder has been doing well but over did himself while working in their tenant house and was taken to the hospital Tues. 23rd and was a patient till Mon.

Thelma, Mrs. Jonas Beiler and daughters were to Manassas, Va. last week to visit her sons Dennis and Gary, and did some house cleaning for them. Jonas Beiler returned from South Bend, In. where he spent some time with his daughter Martha and John Beiler.

Alva and Lucy Maust have added an apartment to their Maust's Home Care which is now occupied. Ray M. Yoder who had a stroke several months ago is at Mausts. He is getting along well but his doctor wants him to stay under their care until spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ottos have moved from the retirement home in Frostburg to Maust's Home Care. Walter has improved. Enjoys visiting with Ray Yoder and Enos Maust and they are happy there. A group of 25 men and ladies from the Springs area went to S.C. on MDS work last Sun., Jan. 21st. Ralph Millers stopped off in Va. with their daughter and Ida stayed there while Ralph went on to S.C. The work proved too strenuous for Ralph and Henry Edward Yoder and they returned home Thur. Dan and Olive Puffinburger and John and Sara Wengerd went on to spend some time in Florida and the rest of the group arrived home Sat. evening.

Kay Miller went to Catlett, Va. last week and from there accompanied some Catlett young folks to Heritage Bible School, at Hartwell, Ga. to attend a program.

Elizabeth Tice, Mrs. Elizabeth Yoder, Mrs. Edna Kinsinger, Mrs. Lena Beachy and Evelyn Yoder visited friends and relatives in Ohio over the weekend.

Stephen Russell and Lillian Yoder spent the weekend at Plain City, Ohio.

Henry and Mary Emma Brenneman spotted a spectacular sight in the sky Sat. evening. According to Mary Emma it somewhat resembled fireworks but glided along in the direction of Grantsville then turned left up into the field behind Duane Steins where it turned into a green ball and apparently came down. Some people coming from Grantsville pulled off the road to watch the unusual sight. There has been no explanation for the sighting so Henry B. says to them it was an unidentified flying object.

"Blood Washed Band," the Mt. Anthems just. released cassette, was played and a dedication service held following morning services at Mt. View Church Sun. Visitors were Henry Benders of Oakland, Md.

The Michael Johnson and William Yoder families worshipped at Friendship Haven in Cumberland, Md. Sun. and shared in their fellowship meal. The Jerry, Robert and Mrs. Lena and Henry Yoder families were also to Friendship Haven in the afternoon where some of the Mt. View youth presented an allegory, William Yoder gave a talk and Mrs. Lena Yoder and daughters sang. Lena's grandchildren also favored us with a song.

Claude Yoder, Crist and Kenneth Swartzentrubers, and Glenn Yoders were to Johnstown, Pa. to the viewing of Herbert Markley, Claude's first cousin by marriage Sun. afternoon. Lewis Tices attended the funeral Mon. afternoon.

Henry and Mary Yoder

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD

Jan. 31--Sunny and warm, in fact too warm for this time of the year, buds are pushing too fast.

Church on Sun. was at John Stoltzfuses' and is to be here Feb. 18.

The 17th, Uria Yoders are having public sale to get rid of farm machinery and some household furniture and other odds and ends. They recently moved into the small end and their son Benuel, wife and 3 daus. are now in the large house but is not farming. Stephen Stoltzfus did the farming there last year and probably will again as they have some boys coming along to do more farming.

I also heard the 1st couple moved into the big double house Joe Stoltzfus was putting up. Their son Levi, wife and baby boy moved in last week.

Sam Hertzler (Aarons) got his foot caught in the disc and has a cracked bone in one leg. Their address is Rt. 1, Charlotte Hall, Md. 20622. Sam's wife is one of Joe S. Stoltzfuses' girls.

Ben Hertzler is restless again, along with his bro. Isaac. They are Romulus, N.Y. minded. It is not easy to give up and see them go but we do wish them well. They had plans to go up over Sun. and were intending to leave here at 2 a.m. then Isaacs and Bennie A. Stoltzfuses had sick babies and the trip was given up or so we thought, but Ben would not give up so easy. Sat. morning he was out early calling Sonny and making arrangements to go without the others, but by the time we left here all were on board, sick babies and all.

Ben and their 5 children still at home and one married dau., the Bennie A.s, Isaac Hertzler Jrs. with their 4 children and the writer left here at 9 a.m. for the Romulus area.

What a barren, drab place it is. Nothing green, all a drab brown and all about one color. We arrived at the men's uncle, Henry Hertzler, just before dark. It is a nice enough place to be but lacks color for some reason. Many miles of bare fields with now and then a dilapidated barn or 2 and a fairly decent house, but acres upon acres of brown fields with dead grass.

Nearer the Seneca Lake they had nice vineyards and was more rolling but the area north of Ovid is quite level, where the Amish already live. All but Bens and family spent the night at Henrys' and their son Clemens'. Sun. we went with them to church. Sun. evening Ben and I, with some from White Deer Valley were at Henry Beilers' for supper, then I spent the night with Barbara Beiler across the road from Henrys with intentions of making some calls Mon. but Mon. was another story as it was snowing fast all day. Plows went by every few hours to keep roads open but by the time they came along again they had as much as before. Not a great day for land shopping. The area looked better Tues. morning covered with snow.

Tues. morning we started home down 414 to Seneca Lake, then drove slowly to watch the Hector Falls come tumbling down the hillside into the lake. On to Route 15 which we kept to White Deer Valley where we stopped at Chris Glicks' for dinner at 1 p.m., then back to Rt. 15 to Harrisburg, then 83 and on home.

No papers signed yet but both the Hertzlers have a farm in mind. Bennie A. is as yet undecided. I still don't know if they will go by spring or not.

Mary Z. Byler

GRANTSVILLE, MD.

Jan. 29--Had some snow on the ground last week, then melted again. Now last night we had 6 inches of snow and rained today making ice and a hard crust on the snow.

Church was held in Springs dist. on Sunday, sermon by Pre. Alvin Fisher and Bish. Jonas Hertzler of Canada. Those in church from other districts were Eli Masts, Alvin Fishers and family, Bish. Bennie A. Yoders, Levi Fishers, David Fishers, Pete A. Yoders, Simon E. Brennemans, John Henry Masts, Wilmer and Lizzie Kinsinger, Robert Yoder, Mary Zook, Sadie Yoder, Alvin Yoder, Anna Ruth and Katie Yoder and Floyd and Naomi Yoder; Bennie Hostetlers and baby, and Jonas Hertzlers of Canada. Youngfolks singing in eve. was held at Jacob M. Yoders'.

Bish. Jonas Hertzlers arrived at her sister Eli Masts' Jan. 26 in evening. They expect to stay till Jan. 31, then leave by bus for Path Valley and other settlements before returning home.

Jacob M. Yoders were also in Lanc. Co. on Jan. 22 and 23 when the load of teachers and some directors went.

A load went to Belleville, Pa. on Jan. 29. Those going were Alvin Fishers, Bennie C. Yoders, Petie C. Yoders, Mrs. Sadie Brenneman and Albert P. Yoders. They wanted to be at Iddo C. Yoders' for breakfast. Monroe Tices were their drivers.

A farmer is still husking corn by hand, as was too wet to pick with picker. Had 10 acres yet last week.

Eli and Amanda Summy

PITTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Jan. 30--We are still enjoying mild winter weather with several rainy days. Promise of spring comes again as we watch the crocus stems push through the soil. This morning I also noticed the first tulip tip coming up.

Nina and Ethan Knepp drove to Amelia, Va. to attend the wedding of Daniel Hooley and Susanna Martin on Jan. 20. After the wedding they visited friends and came home the next evening.

Allen Gaschos and David Zehrs, Newton, Ont., were guests of their son and brother, Ron Gaschos. One main attraction of the visit was to become acquainted with the new little grandson, and also it was the first time Rons and Davids had seen each other since Davids arrived home from serving in Guat.

Sunday evening visitors at services besides the Gaschos and Zehrs were Ralph Millers, Bridgeville, De. When Mrs. Miller met Esther Longacre, also visiting, they realized they were acquaintances of long ago at Harrisonburg, Va. This prompted a dinner invitation from the Millers to Esther and David Yoders on the following Thurs.

The afternoon of the 22nd, an excited group of upper grade girls piled into a station wagon and headed for BWI Airport, Baltimore, Md. to meet their teacher Tammy Carter, coming in from Wi. Those who went along were Nadine and Regina Brunk, Andrea Good, Susita and Stephanie Knepp, accompanied by David and Edith Yoder and Tonya Good.

The brethren and some young people had another work day at Karen Good's on the 27th. They set up the chicken house for little chicks to arrive on Mon.

David Yoders and Esther Longacre left after Sun. morning service for Spring City, Pa. to have supper and visit with their sister Lillian, Mrs. Claude Strunk. Later in the evening they planned to go on to Ephrata to spend the night and Monday with Edwin Jr. Kurtzes.

Last night the brethren worked at the new church building, staining trim and painting the ceilings and walls. Things are progressing for us as the heating is completed and also the well is in.

Marion Goods arrived last evening at Karen Good's planning to be here most of this week. He has consented to have devotions for the schoolchildren one morning and to preach for us on Wed. evening.

Mrs. Willis Knepp

HAGERSTOWN, MD

Jan. 28--We worshipped at Meadow View this morning. Bro. Larry Weber brought the message. This evening the children were going to Stouffers.

Martha and the 2 youngest children stayed at home this morning. The children had fevers and coughs the last couple of days and Martha had spent several days in the hosp. the last of the week. On Wed. morning she was taking Miriam to school and then was going to pick me up from driving the bus, when she fell asleep and ran into the back of a road truck. The truck was stopped. They were patching the holes in the road. Martha was the only one hurt. Miriam was in a seatbelt and Russel was behind her seat. He bent her seat forward pretty far. She also had a seatbelt on but not a shoulder strap. Her face hit the steering wheel, breaking her nose and giving her a black eye. When they took a blood test they found her to be low in blood, which gave them cause to believe that she was bleeding inside. No amount of X-raying and testing found anything wrong. The doctors gave her 5 pints of blood to get her count up. She is feeling alright now. She has some sore spots, which is to be expected.

Richard Krieders' baby came home to a bunch of sick little ones. The results are that it also got sick and spent a few days in the hosp. again. It had lost some weight.

Tomorrow Gideon is going along with a van load of men and boys to Ky. to do some repair work on the house that they bought to be made into their school. They will be going for the week.

The boys helped some with the killing at Cloverbloom Meat Market where the M.C.C. meat canner was working the last 2 weeks.

Two of Luke Martins' children came east for the Bible study fellowship at Royers and were around here for the day. Those of the grandchildren of our parents that it suited were to Grandpa Petre's to sing this afternoon.

New babies in the community are as follows: On Jan. 10 a dau. named Rosalie Ellen was born to Richard and Trulaine (Taylor) Krieder. It is their 5th dau., 9th child; on Jan. 20 a son named Roy Glen was born to Bejamin and Phyllis (Burkholder) Eby. It is their second child, first son; on Jan. 19 a son named Eric Gene was born to Arlin and June (Martin) Ebersole, also their 2nd child, first son; Elmer Dean, 7th child, 4th son of John Jr. and Eunice (Eshleman), born Jan. 28. Roy H. Petre

GRANTSVILLE, MD

Feb. 5--Justin Laverne was born to Reuben and Miriam Sommers Jan. 31st. Five and a half weeks premature, he weighed only 5 lbs. 8 oz., but seems strong and hearty. Joel Ernest and John Eric welcome their tiny brother. Grands are John Sommers of Minerva, Ohio and Mrs. Lena Yoder.

Esther Miller Yoder (Mrs. Roy) was having problems with severe headaches, memory loss, etc. Thurs. she became much worse and was taken to the Meyersdale Community Hospital by ambulance, but transferred to the Sacred Heart Hospital at Cumberland, Md. where she underwent 7 hours of surgery for the removal of a brain tumor that night. Although doctors did not speak optimistically about the outcome of the surgery, Esther surprised everyone by coming out of the anesthesia with not only a clear mind, but no sign of paralysis. Doctors and nurses are astonished by her rapid recovery.

Grace Schrock Miller (Mrs. Daniel M.) had surgery at the Memorial Hospital in Cumberland Friday morn. and is also getting along well.

Arlene Kauffman is having health problems. She and her sister Miriam were to Stuarts Draft, Va. Sat. where Arlene had an appointment with her doctor Feb. 6th. They are expected home Wed. Evelyn Yoder and members of the family are caring for Barbara Yoder while Arlene is away.

Noah M. Beachy fell backwards last week when his just-lotioned fingers slipped off a doorknob. Fortunately he was not hurt. His son Ernest was called to help get him up. Noah will be 93 March 1st and their 72nd wedding anniversary is coming up March 7th. Although their vision is failing, Noah and Elizabeth do enjoy mail. Their address is: Route 1, Box 175-A, Grantsville, Md. 21536.

The Daniel Tice family who recently moved to Queenstown, Md. arrived at Ernest Beachys' (Anna's parents) Fri. eve. transacted some business Sat., and returned home Sunday.

Yoder Meat Packers had their annual shareholders meeting at Penn Alps Sat., which included a buffet lunch in the Dunbar Room.

Mrs. Lydia Beachy has been informed that her daughter Elva and husband Edwin Yoder of Manassas, Va. are both having health problems, Edwin who had a valve replaced in his heart years ago, with his heart, and Elva with ringing in the ears, dizziness, etc.

Miss Leona Maust was hospitalized in Meyersdale Community Hospital for tests and observation.

William and Mary Jane Yoder had their 4-month-old Krista to Pittsburgh, Pa. to have her hip checked out. Doctors say the one socket is behind the other in development and want her to have something like a pillow placed between her legs when she is sleeping. This is expected to correct the problem with no further treatment.

The Don Showalter family of Sandy Lake, Ontario arrived at Glenn Yoders' Sat. eve., parked their camper, in which they slept, and spent the weekend with Glenns. Don brought the message at Mt. View Sun. morn., followed by a fellowship meal in the basement and an afternoon service with the Showalter family singing and Don speaking about their work among the Indians at Sandy Lake. Mon. morn. Don's family had a chapel service at Mt. View Christian School, after which they toured Yoder Meat Packers, then left for Plain City, Ohio.

Visitors at Mt. View Church Sun. were Don and Marilyn Showalter and 4 children, Mrs. Patricia Keary and 3 children of Friendsville, Md. who is interested in getting her children into Mt. View School, Doug and Carol Lockhard of Logan, Ohio, friends of George Pinkhams and two little girls whose names I failed to get of Bittinger, Md. and a Yoder family of Oakland, Md.

Also visiting was Sharon Dawn Yoder's special friend Ernie Stoltzfus of Honey Brook, Pa. whose engagement announcement was on the bulletin board. Ernie and Sharon are flying to Kansas for a musical conference this week and plan to spend the weekend with Ernie's sister of Hutchinson, Kansas. Henry and Mary Yoder

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD

Feb. 7--Lovely spring weather remains with us. We also had some rain showers. The crocuses, jonquils and early flowering bulbs are peeping through the earth again. Also noticed a few forsythia bushes in bloom on south side of building.

If reports are correct Elam Stoltzfus (Joes) brought his bride down from Path Valley this week so the big house of Joes S. Stoltzfuses is now occupied as Levis also moved in there a few weeks ago.

It is nearly mail time but here things are far from normal as preparations are being made to move my house to David Hertzlers in 2 weeks and as for me I expect to enter the hospital on Tues. for radical surgery. To Elam & Lydia Zook my thoughts are often with you and many others since getting the reports of cancer. I am not sick but found a lump and a biopsy was taken. This will be my last letter until I am able to write again. I do not want a lot of literature or cancer cures. I have one that I expect to use as soon as I get everything cooked down. I have all ingredients now so hope to get it going tomorrow.

The doctor feels it is in early stages yet. Will include my address in case there are some out there with same experiences that want to write. I will be grateful for all that care to write but no cancer cures as I don't think there are any if God does not want it so.

My address is at present and until further notice still Rt. 1, Box 451, Charlotte Hall, Md. 20622. Mary Z. Byler

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

Feb. 7--The beautiful, mild spring-like weather continues with an occasional shower of rain.

The Sam Fisher family and Harlan Garbers were to Lancaster for Sam's sis.-in-law's funeral Fri. Sams all came home again, but Harlans spent the weekend with their bro. Lee Fishers and Anna Mary Fisher.

Ernie and Kenneth Yoder and Raymond and Rose Fisher returned home Thurs. evening. Rose had stayed at Flemingsburg, Ky. while the boys went on to Ga. Raymond and Rose left early Fri. morning for the funeral.

Thurs. quite a few brethren and some sisters went to McVeytown to help Arlene Peachey work on her house. David Troyers stayed for the weekend then (David had come back home to be at the shop on Fri., then he went back). Davids came home Mon. then.

Our visitors Sun. morning were 6 youth from McVeytown. They were Robert and Mervin Peachey, Elmer and Sharon Stoltzfus and Ruth and Sara Peight.

Sun. afternoon the youth split up in groups and sang for Ted Beckmans and Clarence Peights. Eli Hershbergers and John Smuckers accompanied the youth.

Monday David and Urie took their workers to visit Bedford Pallets and also treated them to dinner at Hoss' Steak House.

Eli Hershbergers and Virginia Miller left for Ky. to see the new baby at Robert Swareys'. Virginia plans to stay and help out with household duties. She plans to stay till she finds a way home.

Stopping in Tue. for a short visit with Mattie Yoder were Milt and Lizzie Yoder of Grantsville.

Mattie Yoder was in last week to have another CAT scan taken. Everything was clear. Mrs. Urie Kanagy

GRANTSVILLE, MD.

We are having warm weather. Had a lot of rain. Temp. 35º to 60º.

There is a lot of sickness and flu around. Mountain View School had no school on Feb. 2 and 5. Only 5 and 7 children showed up those days. Teacher Ruth Bender was also sick that Emma Yoder was teacher one day at Mountain View.

Church was held in Niverton dist. on Sunday. Sermon by Alvin Fisher and Ray Kinsinger. Lydia King of Lanc. Co. and Elisabeth Eckly of Fleetwood, Pa. were in church.

Elisabeth Eckly was in this area from Feb. 3 till Feb. 5.

Born to Roy and Miriam Peachey, a dau. Feb. 1 named Dora. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. This is their 9th child and 4th daughter. Grandparents are Samuel M. Peacheys and Henry S. Kinsingers. Katie Bender was there several days as hired girl, now Anna Bender is there since Feb. 5.

Rosie, 10-year-old dau. of Joseph A. Peacheys, has not been well and not in school for 5 weeks. She was having fever and sick on stomach. Feb. 4 she was taken to the hospital when she was drawn together a little. She was still in the hospital Feb. 8. They are taking tests to find out what is wrong.

Enos Benders found several strawberry blossoms on their stalks last week.

Eli and Amanda Summy

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

Feb. 8--Beautiful spring-like weather continues, up to 60º today.

Church services were held Sun. by Bish. Norman Schrock and Min. Edwin Beachy. Strangers attending were the Isaac Stoltzfus family from Catlett, Va. and granddau. Miriam Beachy of Salem, Indiana. Singing at Pete Beachys'.

Evan Schrocks' baby was in Morgantown hospital a few days with pneumonia.

Jonas Yoder had a hernia operation in Cumberland, Md. hospital and is at home and recovering.

Noah Zook hasn't been feeling so good the last while, and was not able to attend church Sunday.

Mrs. Albert Bender had surgery today in the Oakland hospital.

There was a van load of our people to Yoders' Locker at Grantsville to help cut up beef for relief canning.

Alvin Schlabach went with Eli Hershbergers to Ky. to visit his children and bros.

Joe Zook is still gaining; guess Joe would say slowly.

This warm and rainy weather makes it so hard for the loggers to get the logs out of the woods, that they can't hardly keep operating.

Sam Peachy got a trailer load of tile yesterday from Spencer, Ohio, so it looks like he is going to do some ditching.

Mrs. Rachel Swartzentruber was to Somerset, Pa. one day this week to her dau's.

The Benny Fisher family from Somerset, Pa. was in the area today to visit her father, John N. Yoder. They had dinner at her sister's, the Alpha Kauffmans, made a call at Lydia Petersheim's, and Verna Beachy's.

Milt Yoders and Lizzie Yoder from Pa. were here Tues. to visit his bro., the Rudy Yoders. He is an uncle to Lizzie.

Atlee Hershbergers

GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Feb. 14--We are having changeable weather. Had a little snow on ground this week. Temp. 20° in morn.

Church was held in Springs dist. on Sunday. Sermon by Daniel H. Kinsinger and Noah B. Yoder. Those in church from other district were Lydia King and Anna Brenneman. Young folks singing in eve. was held at Eli Brenneman Jrs'. Singing in eve. in Niverton dist. on Feb. 4 was held at Norman Y. Yoders'.

Rufus Y. Yoder had an accident last week. He was pulling at wide spread and tore the chain. He fell and hurt his ankle. He can't walk on it and goes on crutches. He was having a lot of pain.

Bennie C. Yoders and daus. Arie and Anna Mary, Mrs. Amos Fisher and 4 children, Elsie, Isaac, Lillian and Elam were in Lanc. Co. Feb. 8 and 9.

Petie C. Yoders and sons Bennie C. Yoders and 2 daus. Arie and Anna Mary, Crist C. Yoders and dau. Barbara, Sadie Brenneman and Homer Coblentz and Iddo C. Yoders of Belleville, Pa. expect to leave for Stanwood, Mich. on Feb. 19th. Ruth Kauffman of Juniata Co. is their driver.

Pete A. Yoder passed away the eve. of Feb. 9th. He had a massive stroke at 3 o'clock that morn. and in a.m. around 11 o'clock he went in a coma. It was a shock, or rather unexpected. He was 73 years old. His brother Clarence died Jan. 15. Funeral services for Pete was held Feb. 13 at 9:30.

Ezra Yoder of Del. had the service at the house and Leroy Yoder and John Yoder of Del. had the sermon at the church house and Dan Yoder of Del. had the graveside services. Pallbearers were 4 grandsons, Petie and Ray L. Yoder, Ernest Fisher and Leroy Brenneman. All Pete's 6 children and 36 grandchildren but 1 were at the funeral. His dau. (Esther) Noah Brennemans are from Florida and his son Floyds are from Juniata Co. This was a big funeral. The church house and clothes rooms were full and some were sitting on the porch. His wife had died in 1985 and then married Mary Summy which was 4 yrs. they were married in Oct.

Born to James and Barbara Beachy, a son Feb. 13 named David. This is their first child. It weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. Grandparents are Korie Yoders and Mrs. Katie Beachy. Eli and Amanda Summy

PITTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Feb. 13--The mild winter continues on. We begin to think of spring when we see the forsythia beginning to bloom.

On Feb. 2 Willie Knepp went to Zanesville, Ohio for a Teachers' Institute planning meeting. He was an overnight visitor at Lee Schrocks'. On Sat. after the meeting Willie and Dan Gascho, Ont., went to Messiah Bible School for a short visit before Willie returned home.

That Friday evening LaMar Bear was a supper guest at our house. He was on his way home to Va. from getting a load of garage doors in Delaware.

On Sat. the third, Harry and Edna Hertzler returned home from Messiah Bible School where he taught for the past 3 weeks.

Ron Gaschos' baby, Nigel, has been a sick boy with bronchitis. He's much better now and was to church again. Also sick with bronchitis is Kristina Good, the lower grade teacher. She has missed some school but was back today with a low and scratchy voice.

Willis Knepps were to Union Mills, N.C. over the past weekend to visit Arnold Hooleys. Willie and Ethan did a little more carpenter work in their house. We also visited their church on Sunday morning.

Last Sunday Stephen Nolts, Pa., were visitors in our morning service and guests of Jeff Alexanders for the day.

In the evening David and Edith Yoder went to Kenton Mennonite Church for service. Bro. Alvin Snyder was their guest speaker. Mrs. Willis Knepp

HAGERSTOWN, MD

Hagerstown Fellowship

Feb. 12--We've had a few showers which are quite welcome. It seems by the temperatures that spring is almost here.

Mrs. Maurice Martin was absent from church a few times because of illness. In a number of homes there were sick children. Especially hard hit was the Nathan Weber family. Their nearly 2-yr.-old spent some time in the hosp. with croup and pneumonia.

Lyndora Horst (Ralph) is spending a few weeks helping at Rod & Staff in Ky. Another granddau., Melanie Martin (Truman) is attending Bible school at Carbon Hill.

Ralph Horsts were to Bethel church on Sun., Ralph bringing the message.

The Daniel Halteman family from Royer's congregation, Pa. were at church yest. morning. Bro. Daniel brought the message. Other visitors were Lee Martins, Red Lake, Ont. and David Martins of Oh. These are Menno Martins' sons. Mennos have a dau. in Ill., 2 sons in Oh., one son at Red Lake area, and a son and dau. in Md. Most of the family was privileged to be at Mennos' yest.

Paul Dueck is presently with his homefolks in Okla.

Below is our address if anyone cares to write.

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SALISBURY, MARYLAND

Salisbury Mennonite Church

Feb. 15--We are having fair weather at this time.

The Sanford Mast family from Wis. are here to stay for several months. He is helping Alvin on a new house. Joe has laid block for a new house and is getting ready to put the deck on.

Sons James and Steven came this afternoon to help frame the house, spending a week here. James dropped Ruby off at her sister's place, Lena Eicher at Grantsville, Md.

Fred Miller and wife from Va. spoke at the school meeting on Tues. eve.

We had gone to Florida several weeks ago and visited relatives on the way home.

William and Violet Bear left this morning for North Carolina to spend some time with Gary Millers.

Joseph Masts

GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Feb. 13--While Seth Ramers were on Christmas vacation the furnace failed and everying froze up necessitating replacement of both plumbing and heating in Alta Schrock's rental house where they were living. Consequently Seth and Judith stayed in Henry Edward Yoder's basement apartment for some time but have not moved into Lloyd Yoder's tenant house.

Viola, Mrs. Hugh Orendorf was involved in an accident on the Dorsey Hotel Road last week when her car went out of control and landed in a ditch nearly on its side. Traveling with her were their foster daughter and son Sara and Danny. Sara and Viola had x-rays taken, Sara for a bump on her head (her glasses were broken) and Viola for a bruised shoulder, neither of which were fractured.

All of the Alva Maust family, a total of 28 including Leonard Orendorfs, were to Sarasota, Florida for the wedding of Alva's son Glenn and Rachel Miller, dau. of Henry and Susan Miller. Also attending the wedding from this community were Hugh, Viola, Johnny and Kim Orendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Champ, Raymond and Alta Bender.

Nellie Nissley, 94, a very interesting lady with a keen mind and many stories of the past, was a close neighbor and dear friend of ours for many years. Since blindness and deafness ran in her family she was aware that she may lose her sight and more than ten years ago was placing things so she would know where they were if blindness became her lot. Hugh Orendorfs visited her on their trip to Florida and she seemed to recognize them. We were very glad to receive the following letter from Sunnyside Nursing Home, updating us on her welfare which will be of interest to Nellie Nissley's many "Budget" reading friends:

"To the Friends of Nellie Nissley: "Nellie is up and out of bed daily. She eats her meals well, has a regular diet, and can eat anything. She does need assistance in feeding. Nellie especially likes chocolate candy, and we try to see that she gets a chocolate treat every day! "There are visitors who read scripture with Nellie. I try to read for her as often as I can, or have scripture tapes to play for her. She attends the religious services twice a week, occasionally helping to sing. Her soprano voice can still reach some of the high notes.

"Nellie's eyesight is now limited to close objects. She can only see the outline of people at close range. She does hear well, which is a blessing. "It is good for Nellie to hear from you, sharing what is happening in your life, and assuring her of your prayers for her." Signed by Harold Shearer, Social Services. Nellie's address is: Sunnyside Nursing Home, 5201 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, Florida 34232.

Last week we picked up Henry's Aunt, Anna Baker, at Starner Hill Apartments and took her along to visit Ruth, widow of Raymond Tice at the home of her daughter Elaine, and son-in-law Kermit Yoder at Accident, Md. Ruth had a stroke last spring and is confined to bed and a wheelchair. She is alert and keenly feels the loss of her husband and all the changes that have come into her life in the last year. However, she enjoys company, communicates very well and related about her son Daniel's job at the big farm near Queenstown, Md. which they moved to in December. $600,000.00 is the price of the top cow, which is primarily kept to produce embryos which are implanted into other cows. The stables are to be kept so spotlessly clean and odorless that people can tour the stables, and go directly to a restaurant with no one being able to detect they were in a barn! Cows tails are washed daily and they get bi-weekly baths.

We then went to Gortner, ate at Piddle's Griddle, stopped at Paul Petersheims' to show Anna where her great niece Naomi lives and shopped at Yoder's Fabrics after which we went to Alva Maust's Home Care at Accident, Md. There we visited Ray Yoder who is getting along well on second floor where he has a bedroom and a good sized area where he told us that on Epiphany, 23 Amish whom he used to haul were in this room at one time. Ray is not permitted to drive now but is hoping his doctor will allow him to drive again next spring. However, he does not plan to go back into taxi service again.

Vernie, Mrs. Enos Maust, who had been in the hospital several days came back to Mausts Saturday. She sleeps much of the time. She roused to recognize us but went back to sleep while we chatted with Enos who was alert and talkative. Orville Kinsinger too was asleep but we did speak with Mrs. Kinsinger. Walter Ottos are staying in the new apartment across the road from the house. He had been taken to the doctor because of a problem with dizziness so we did not get to see them. Mrs. Arletha Bender (Austins widow) is taking care of the residents in the apartment.

The annual relief canning was done at Yoder meat packers Thur. and Fri. of last week. Eight congregations in the Casselman Valley participated in donating and canning 13 3/4 cows which yielded approximately 3000 cans. The meat will be distributed to Christian Aid Ministries, Amish Mennonite Aid Missions and M.C.C.

Esther Beachy, a registered nurse, had a dizzy spell Sat. morning, passed out and found herself on the kitchen floor. She called her father, Simon Beachy, who took her to the hospital where she remains a patient. Various tests were done and inner ear trouble is suspected as the problem.

Grace (Mrs. Daniel) Miller came home from the hospital Sat. and Esther, Mrs. Roy Yoder, came home Sunday.

Rachel and Katherine Miller spent the weekend with their sister Gertrude, the Dave Slabach family at Charlottesville, Va.

Visitors at Mt. View Church Sun. were Thomas and Edith Miller and two-month-old son of McConnelsville, Ohio, guests of her parents. Also Elmer Beachys and Mrs. Patricia Keary of Friendsville, Pa. The Miller baby and Reuben Sommer's tiny Justin LaVerne were first timers at Mt. View.

Allen and Lela Beachy of Greenwood, De. arrived at his father Milton Beachys' Sun. evening. Allen recently had cataract surgery and they plan to spend a week with Milt while he recuperates.

Daniel Bontrager of In., Noah Beachy of Ohio, Andy Hershberger of S.C. and Lewis Tice, Grantsville, Md., as a delegation for Amish Mennonite Aid, flew from Pittsburgh, Pa. to London, England Mon. evening where they have an eight-hour stay, then fly on to Kenya, Africa to investigate the possibility of Amish Mennonite Aid establishing a mission in that area.

Rhoda, Mrs. Alton Miller, slipped, fell and cracked a vertebra. She is at home with instructions to rest.

Henry and Mary Yoder

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

Feb. 16--Raining this morning at 54°. Had a little snow Sun. p.m., then turned warm again this week. It would be better if it wouldn't be so warm so long this time of the year.

The news is Eli Kinsingers have a little girl named Marilyn and grands are Joe Zooks and Jonas Kinsingers.

Pete Yoder, another bro. of Verna Beachy, passed away Fri. eve. from Somerset. We were to the viewing Sun. evening. Quite a few of our people were to the viewing or to the funeral which was held Tuesday. Two brothers passed away in Michigan in about 4 weeks' time.

Also got word Adam Miller of Va. passed away, and funeral is to be Saturday. He is a brother to Mrs. Calvin Nissley of here.

Calvin Nissley Sr. accompanied his dau. Lydia with a few other girls to Florida. Mrs. Calvin Nissley is staying with Lydia's children while they went to Florida.

Granddau. Miriam Beachy left for home last eve. by bus out of Grantsville. Her cousin Raymond P. Beachy accompanied her. Atlee Hershbergers

GRANTSVILLE, MD

Feb. 21--We are having nice weather, but is cold at night. It is 10 near zero.

Church was held in Niverton dist. on Sun. Sermon by Ray Kinsinger and Daniel Kinsinger. Those in church from other districts were Daniel Kinsingers and family, Alvin, Lewis, Nancy and Katie Hertzler and Elisabeth Echley. Young folks singing in evening was held at Effie Brenneman's.

Mrs. David B. Yoder and Mrs. Henry Fisher got a driver and brought Elisabeth Echley of Fleetwood, Pa. to David B. Yoders'. She will work for them.

Alvin Fishers and Ben Kinsingers expect to leave for Lanc. Co. on Feb. 23 and return home Feb. 24. We want to be at a sale there. Monroe Tice is their driver.

There are 6 great-grandchildren of Pete A. Yoder instead of only 2.

Lydia King of Lanc. Co. returned home Feb. 15 after working for Mark Brennemans 5 weeks. Mrs. Mark Brenneman went with her and returned home in evening. Aaron Tice was their driver.

Eunice, 6-yr.-old dau. of Roy Peacheys, was sliding on a board on Sun. p.m. and got a big splinter in her leg. It broke off and was taken to the hosp. at Meyersdale in evening yet. She had a fever of 103° till she got to the hosp. She returned home again in evening after being treated. It wasn't long until they took her to the hosp. after it happened.

There was a load of teachers and directors in this area from Path Valley on Feb. 19. They were visiting the schools. Those on the load were Jacob J. Byler, Sam Y. Beiler Jr., Simeon Zook, Ben Swarey, Andrew H. Stoltzfus, Sarah Hostetler, Katie Beiler, Hannah Stoltzfus, Emma L. Yoder and Saloma Peachey. Eli & Amanda Summy

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

Feb. 23--Warm weather continues.

Church was held Sun. by Mins. Edwin Beachy and Alvin Beachy. Noah Zooks were not able to attend on account of flu. Quite a few are having flu.

A dau. of Lloyd Beachys was in the Cumberland hospital with flu and dehydration.

Martha, dau. of Alvin Beachys had an appendix operation at the Oakland Hospital and is at home again and coming along good so far.

Mrs. Don Matthew, local, passed away Sun. morning, age 55, after having cancer for some time. A lot of our people went to the viewing.

Raymond Beachy returned home from Salem, Ind. Tuesday accompanied by his cousin Catherine J. Yoder who will spend several wks. with homefolks.

Mrs. Rachel Swartzentruber spent a week with her daughters in the Somerset, Pa. area. Atlee Hershbergers

GRANTSVILLE, MD.

Feb. 20--Twenty of the Friendship Haven youth group and guests enjoyed a full course chicken dinner, games and fellowship in the Mountain View Church basement Fri. evening.

Floyd and Martha Bender of Cumberland, Md. were notified of the death of Adam Miller, Martha's father of Stuarts Draft, Va. Floyd's family, as well as others of the Friendship Haven group and some from Mt. View, attended the funeral Sat. Floyd's family stayed with her mother over Sunday.

Sam Jr. and Bertha June Beachy of Manassas, Va. spent the weekend with her father Milton Beachy, joining her brother Allen and Lela Beachy of De. who had been there all week. Jrs. also visited his mother Lydia, and sister Fannie Beachy. Fannie has been housed up with flu for several weeks.

Anna Yoder, Verda Tice and Mrs. Edna Kinsinger went with us to the home of Heralds of Hope Ministries near Breezewood, Pa. Sat. morning for an open house celebration. Among the interesting things we learned there was the fact that Heralds of Hope had received 1850 letters from Nigeria, Africa on Mon. of last week and have received mail from 125 different countries.

The Mt. Anthems sang several songs at Mt. View Church Sun. and a short commissioning service was held for their forthcoming Florida singing tour and summer schedule. Visitors at Mt. View were Ernie Stoltzfus of Honey Brook, Lena Eicher's sister Ruby, Mrs. James Mast of Auburn, Ky. who is spending some time with Lena while her husband is helping his father frame a house at Salisbury, Md. and two young men of Oakland, Md.

Our son Joseph and family of Scottdale, Pa., as well as the rest of our family, took dinner here and spent Sun. afternoon with us. Joseph has been very busy preparing the "Mennonite Yearbook" for printing so the renovation of their house is not making much progress.

Word from Lewis Tice is that the delegation of 4 men had a good flight all the way to Kenya, Africa. People are friendly and they are enjoying themselves. Henry and Mary Yoder

SALISBURY, MD

Salisbury Menn. Church

Feb. 22--The weather is very windy and stormy looking today.

The William Bear family will be leaving next week for Guatemala, selling their van there and flying back. They will be spending a little time in Belize at Orange Walk with Simon Yoders. They will also be taking Augusta home to Guatemala after living with them for 6 months.

Forgot to mention Nolan Brunk had been to Ohio for business for awhile. Last Tuesday Nolans and children came back after Barb and children spent a week there. He again left yesterday taking David with him, as he is trying to sell his business there.

Sons James and Steven will be going back to Ky., leaving tomorrow night as they helped Joe black in a house.

On Sunday Daniel Kropf had the young boys from the church for dinner. The Titus Waglers left for S.C. to visit his parents for 2 weeks.

Daniel Kropf left on Tuesday for Oregon for Steve Stutzman's wedding. Sam and Glenda took him down to Norfolk to fly from there.

Carol Mast also flew the same day from Baltimore to Oregon, same place.

Joseph Masts

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

Feb. 22--We had a nice shower today after several nice days.

Those attending the Beiler-Stoltzfus wedding at Meltia were Raymond and Rose Fisher, David Troyers and Harlan Garbers. Davids came back to McVeytown for Sun. then.

Harlans stayed in Lanc. for Sun., then Mon. they and Elmer Zooks left for Fla. to visit several days and then Harlans plan to fly for Costa Rica today (Thurs.) for a 6-mo. term of service.

Millard Yoders and Darlene Kauffman and 2 daus. were to McVeytown Sat. and Sun. Salina Kanagy accompanied them home after spending a week with her aunt. Rhoda Kinsinger, helping out with chores while Henry was on M.D.S. work in S.C.

Visitors Sun. morning were Mark Zooks, McVeytown and Eddie Peight, Belleville.

Mattie Yoder and our family were to Ky. to visit my sis., Andy Bylers for 3 days, then we went to Deer Lodge, Tenn. to my bro. Steve's for 3 days. We came home Mon. evening. Irene Yoder of Oakland had gone along to Ky. to help her sis., the Nelson Brennemans with the new baby. She'll be staying several weeks.

Tues. Sam Fishers had a quilting for the youth sisters.

Wed. some of the Dry Run Menn. School children came to tour the pallet shop. They are on the S.L.E. program and every so often special privileges are given to those who progress satisfactorily. Arlen Maust and his sis. Mrs. Leonard Orendorf brought the children.

Tonight several families plan to give a program at the Goodwill Menn. Home in Grantsville.

Mrs. Urie Kanagy

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

March 2--We had a few days of winter then yest. it was a beautiful day again.

Church services to be held Sun.

Noah and Katie Zook have both improved after having flu, but still not having their full strength back.

Martha Mae, oldest dau. of Alvin Beachys, is back to school again after appendix surgery.

David C. Peachey, Sam and Betty Peachey and son, and we accompanied them on a trip yest. and came by Steve and Nathan Kauffmans' sale at Bedford, Pa. We had the pleasure of meeting *The Budget* scribe Rebecca Kauffman of there and also others. We then came home through Cumberland, Md. Robert Swartzentruber was our driver.

Son Elis left for Honduras Wed. for 2 mos. to replace 2 different families coming home to the States to visit.

Joe Zooks were to Stuarts Draft, Va. over the weekend. Joe has to go to Morgantown, W. Va. yet about his heart condition.

Most of the Nissleys attended the funeral of Adam A. Miller of Stuarts Draft, Va. last Sat. and all returned home again.

Atlee Hershbergers

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

March 2--Last Sat. & Sun. we had high winds, snow and below zero temp., but it lasted only those two days. It's been more cool since.

Larry Gingerichs' children are now over the chicken pox and they're all coming to church again.

Dan and Julia Byler paid a visit to Tom Colettis' last week. Dan came to prayer meeting Wed. evening.

Edwin Landis, Bedford, was in the community Sat. visiting with his friends and had plans to leave for home that evening yet, but got caught in the snowstorm, so he turned around and came back to Ernie Yoders' for the night. Edwin, Jerry Millers, Mt. Perry, Lana Sue Yoder, Steve Esh, John David Yoder of Flemingsburg were visitors in Sun. morning services.

Eli Hershbergers left Tuesday at noon for Honduras. They parked their car at Simon Schrocks' in Fairfax and then flew Wed. sometime. Celesta thought they sounded excited and happy when they called home that night, to be in familiar stopping grounds again. They will be helping out there for 2 months while Charles Dillers and John Lapps come home on furloughs.

Tues. Fannie Peachey and daus., Sandy and Margaret Coletti were to Beaver Springs to see the little baby at Fannie's sis. Betty's. Kathy Peachey stayed to help out with houseduties.

Some of the brethren attended Steve Kauffman's farm sale yesterday. Steves and Nathans have sold their farm and are planning to move to N.Y. to the new colony there.

John Smucker went with Abner Kauffmans to N.Y. today with a truck load of Michael's possessions. They plan to come back tonight sometime.

Mrs. Urie Kanagy

GRANTSVILLE, MD

Feb. 27--We had 50° to 60° last week, now we have some snow and ice and temp. was 4 near zero on Sunday morning and snowing and storming. Monday it was 8° below zero.

Church was held in Springs dist. on Sunday. Sermon by Noah B. Yoder and Noah Fisher. Bish. Bennie A. Yoder was in church.

Lots of horses are sick with cough and high fever and some have pneumonia. The horses seem sick like people are.

Thomas Peachey is at Urie Peacheys' now. Mahlon Bender returned home after working for Uries.

Effie, 10-year-old dau. of Joseph A. Peacheys, was in the hospital around 4 to 5 days several weeks ago. Tests were taken and can't find out what is wrong with her. She has sore throat, stomachache and vomits. She is in bed most of time. Her address is: Salisbury, Pa. 15558.

Petie C. Yoders and 2 sons Rudy and Nathan, Crist Yoders, Barbara and Lester, Bennie C. Yoders and children Arie and Mary and Iddo C. Yoders and Mrs. Sadie Brenneman and Homer Coblentz who had gone to Stanwood, Mich. Feb. 19 returned home Feb. 24th.

Word was received here last week of the death of Amos Peachey in Juniata Co. Those going to the funeral on Feb. 21 were Mrs. Noah B. Yoder, Amelia Brenneman, Mrs. Bennie N. Fisher, Bennie A. Yoder, Mark Brenneman, Simon Brenneman, Mrs. Yost Summy, Mrs. Henry E. Brenneman and Mrs. Claude Swartzentruber of Oakland, Md. Clarence Doyle was their driver.

There were 46 grandchildren for Peter A. Yoder instead of 36. Also 7 children, only 6 living. Sorry for my mistake.

Sister Fannie Zook of Meyersdale, Pa. is having bother with her eyes. She can't see so good and they feel miserable. She was to Pittsburgh, Pa. for tests on Feb. 21 at a hospital. They feel she has a tumor below her eye as is something there. She is to go to Allegheny General Hospital on March 6 to have surgery and do a biopsy to see what it shows.

Eli & Amanda Summy

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD

Feb. 27--Sat. it rained a little with also snow mixed and was stormy until Sun. eve., dropping temps. to ten. The brave daffodils look rather sad since.

I came home from the hospital a week ago today, Feb. 20. I am allowed to do whatever I feel like doing but as of today, it does not take much. All tests were negative and it had not started to spread yet so I am one of the fortunate. No follow-up treatment except what I am taking in a cancer mixture and doctor allowed me to take it at the hospital. I have full use of my arm now. Some soreness remains. Women, please, if you have something abnormal, have it checked before it has time to spread.

Feb. 21st my house and contents were moved to its new location at David Hertzlers'. I stayed at Bens' until Sat. Not all is closed in around the bottom, so plenty of air can get in underneath. Fri. they hope to move my little red barn and contents also and finish up more around the house.

Ben & Isaac Hertzler were to Romulus, N.Y. again last week. No farms bought yet but expect to move sometime in March. We wish them well but they will be sorely missed by parents, church and all who knew them. Bens will leave 2 married daughters here and also 2 grandchildren. Isaac's children are all school-age and younger.

Church on Sun. was at neighbor Gideon Stoltzfuses' and is to be at Sam Hertzlers' (Aarons) March 18. Elam Swareys were here with me while the others were in church. I am also getting lots of mail, which I appreciate, but friends, please, note that my box number is now 447. Rest of address remains the same.

The well-liked mail carrier of this route, Francis Swan, passed away the week I was in the hospital. He had retired a few years ago. His age was 61. His mother is still living. Her address is Mrs. C.W. Swan, Charlotte Hall, Md., 20622 Rt. 1. His widow's address would be the same.

Again I say, please make haste if you have any form of cancer. Make your decision. If you choose to go to Mexico, or if you choose to stay at home for surgery. I chose to stay at home as I had a very good doctor who explained everything to me.

Mary Byler

HAGERSTOWN, MD

Feb. 26--Very cold this morning. We went from beautiful plowing weather to more seasonal February weather.

Yesterday morning we went to church at Bethel in Snyder Co., Pa. We visited Francis Miller and her family. Bro. Marvin Swartzentruber brought the message. In the eve. we were to Stouffers where Bro. David Rudolph preached.

The chicken pox are making the rounds at Paradise School. They don't seem to have gotten to Hillside yet. There was a parent-teacher meeting at Paradise on Friday eve. Bro. Ernest Wine had the topic.

Rhoda Weber, of Millers Church was buried on Monday of last week. Her husband has been dead quite a few yrs.

Laura Martin, wife of Darrel Martin, is presently in the hospital. She had surgery. Her husband, who had brain surgery some time ago, is having some problems and isn't well either at present.

On top of the list, is a first granddaughter for us. Born to Daniel and Susan (Petre) Williams. She was born on great-grandpa's Petie's birthday, Feb. 14th. It was their 114th great-grandchild. The above baby was named Rachel Joy, being their first child.

On Feb. 17th Lynwood Merle was born to Joseph and Kristine (Eby) Petre also their first child. Also on Feb. 17, Richard and Ruth Ann (Horst) Burkholder had their fourth boy. His name is Ray Dean.

On Feb. 13 Jeffry and Anita (Horst0 Martin had their first child. Her name is Benita Joy. On Feb. 21, Jay and Joyce (Petre) Strite had their second daughter named Jenny Luann.

Wedding: John, son of Laban Horsts to Irene, dau. of Lester Williams on Feb. 17th.

Published to be married are Timothy, son of Grant Martins and Lavonda, dau. of Leonard Martins. Dwight, son of Aldine Ebys, and Joyce, dau. of Nathan Strites, Lyle, son of Carl Dillers and Wanda, dau. of Harold Strites.

Roy H. Petre

HAGERSTOWN, MD

Hagerstown Fellowship

Feb. 26--On Feb. 18 the Ivan Shank family from Pleasant Valley, Va. were at church. Bro. Ivan bringing the message. They were to Joseph Martins' for dinner. Other visitors that morning included, Rhoda Amstutz, Ky., Mark Reinfords, Nelson Baers, Laura Weber, Susan Witmer and the Philippino sister who has her home at Nelson Baers'. These all are from Stoughstown congregation.

Merevin Goods from Stoughstown were there in the evening; Bro. Mervin brought the message.

Arnold Campbells were to Va. over last weekend to visit his aging parents.

After suffering severe pain for awhile, Priscilla Horst (Richard) had an operation on her jaws for T.M.J. She is improving.

Seventeen-month-old Andrea Beth from Jamaica has come to live in the Robert and Bernice Jones home. Renita, Elvin and Bruce are happy to own their new sister.

Last week Nathan Weber had to have a number of stitches near his mouth after an accident at the barn.

Visitors at church were the Ronald Reinfords from Stoughstown. Bro. Ronald had the devotion. Clyde and Addie Beidler from Bethel, Pa. were there too. Bro. Clyde brought the message.

In the evening some went to sing at Menno Haven. Daniel Martin hasn't been so good of late. He is 90 yrs. old.

The John King family went to Royers Church. They then went to the hospital to visit John's father Myron. John reports his father is a bit better at present.

Menno and Mary Martin are at the present serving as cooks at Carbon Hill.

A few weeks ago our son Trumans observed their 25th wedding anniversary. Another son Enoses will observe their 25th too. Later in the year, if we live, Abel and I will observe our 50th anniversary.

"When you sing your own praise, you always get the tune too high."

Mrs. Abel Martin

GRANTSVILLE, MD

Feb. 27--Arlene Kauffman was taken to the Meyersdale Community Hospital Tues. with severe abdominal pains where they kept her for tests and observation until Fri. eve. She is feeling better and is back with Barbara Yoder.

The Mt. Anthems left early Sat. morn. on their southern trip, expecting to arrive at Abbeville, S.C. in the eve. and render their first program Sun. morn. at the Cold Spring Menn. Church. They will also be in Fla., Ga. and N.C. churches.

Phyllis, Mrs. Laverne Maust, is substituting as supervisor for Orpha Beachy's elementary grades and Sharon Yoder is taking Debra Beachy's place as monitor in the high school while the girls are traveling with the Mt. Anthems.

Regina, Lena Yoder's dau. is afflicted with mono and was unable to go with the chorus as planned.

Noah M. Beachy was having a lot of severe pain in his legs and feet accompanied by swelling and possibly a blood clot. Sun. he had severe chest pains and a request for prayer for him was sent to Mt. View Church during services. Soon after the request was honored Noah fell asleep, a strikingly clear answer to prayer. He had a good night Sun. night, was resting better Mon., but during the day he became very weak and developed trouble breathing. He was taken to the Meyersdale Hospital Mon. eve. where an EKG showed that he either had a heart attack or was on the verge of having one. He is under oxygen and rested fairly well Mon. night. This is hard on Elizabeth, his frail little wife, but she did sleep well last night.

Some time ago the Maple Glen youth group requested photos depicting the time of their marriages from the couples in the church. Fri. eve. they then gave a Valentine's banquet to married couples and presented them with their photos put up in Valentine form.

Shirley Kinsinger is busy preparing for the public auction of her cows, cattle and farm equipment March the 15th. Jerry, son of Norman Jr. and Leona Yoder will be renting and operating the farm. Jerry plans to live in the tenant house with his aunt Ruth Arlene Yoder keeping house for him.

Candy, dau. of Simon Tices had a narrow escape Sun. coming down the Beachy Hill to West Salisbury when the car went out of control, crossed the road and landed with the back wheels in a ditch and the rear end of the car against the bank. Mr. Beachy, who lives there, pulled the car out and after the flattened tire was pumped up she was able to drive on to the church. Although not hurt, Candy was shaken up.

With the Mt. Anthems gone & a lot of people absent due to inclement weather on Sun., attendance at Mt. View was down. Reports from Lewis Tice are that things are going well for himself and the 3 men with him in Africa. He met the native, Joseph Kamau of Kenya, Africa who spoke at Mt. View several years ago. The men are expected to be back in the States Tuesday.

Miriam Kauffman was helping out at Maust's Home Care while Mrs. Austin Bender was away.

Milt Beachy received an announcement of the birth of Ben Eli to Steven Yoders of Long Island, Va. Milt and his siblings are great-great-uncles and aunts to Ben Eli. Henry & Mary Yoder

PITTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Feb. 28--Winter has returned with temperatures around 10⁰ in the mornings. We had snowflurries last Sat. evening.

Two weeks ago Harry and Edna Hertzler were to Amelia, Va. on business. While there they stayed with Walter Weavers. Then they spent a night with their son, Joe Hertzlers at Cumberland, Va. before returning home.

On the 20th Harrys attended the funeral of his dad's first cousin at Greenwood, Dela. I failed to get this 99-yr.-old lady's name, but Edna said she was active in caring for the flowers of the rest home until the last couple years.

Several members of the Good family were with Karen Goods from the 21 to the 26 of Feb. Bro. Marion Good preached for us on Wed. evening. Phil and Esther Weaver, Judy Byler and Anna Mary Byler were here on Thurs. and Paul Goods were here for the weekend visiting different family members and at David Yoders'.

Last Sat. Harry and Edna Hertzler went to Messiah Bible School, Carbon Hill, Oh., to teach for another 3-week term. Kristina Good, Nina and Ethan Knepp also traveled to Bible school as students.

Sun. evening we visited in the Glenn Sensenig home over the supper hour and then attended the singing and evening service at Highland. Willie gave the message of the evening.

Willie Knepp drove to Washington, D.C. on Mon. morning to purchase a new foot, an artificial one, that is. His rubber foot was breaking and now he is walking more comfortably. They were very kind to us and charged him only half price, which was almost $200. Value your feet, they are worth a lot of money!

Then he went on to Hagerstown for a missionary project meeting with the board in charge, coming home early the next morning.

Since Mon. I have had a little change of scenery from the daily routine. The board asked me to substitute for Kristina Good, our teacher, while she is at Bible school. Mrs. Willis Knepp

GRANTSVILLE, MD.

March 2--Having been in the Meyersdale Community Hospital from Monday evening, February 26, Noah M. Beachy died of congestive heart failure Fri. noon, the day after his 93rd birthday and just six days short of his and Elizabeth's 72nd wedding anniversary. He had been very low Wed. following a third heart attack Tues. evening, but rallied again and his mind was clear Thurs. morning on his birthday.

The funeral is scheduled for Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Mt. View church.

Noah M. Beachy, son of Moses M. and Lucy Miller Beachy, was born March 1, 1897, died March 2, 1990,a ge 93 years and one day. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour in his youth and was a faithful member of the Mountain View Christian Fellowship Congregation.

On March 7, 1918 he was married to Elizabeth Tice, daughter of Jonas and Lydia Yoder Tice, who shared with him a beautiful life of committment just one week short of 72 years.

Surviving are his wife Elizabeth, two sons, Ernest and Elmer of Salisbury, Pa.; five daughters, Grace, Mrs. Menno S. Beachy, Salisbury, Alma and Alice Grantsville, who lived with and tenderly cared for their parents, Miriam (Mrs. Olen Schrock), Ruth (Mrs. Robert Miller), Grantsville, Md.; 36 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Milton, Salisbury, Pa., Irvin, Meyersdale, Pa. and two sisters, Ruth (Mrs. Melvin Beiler) and Mary, (Mrs. Henry Yoder).

Preceding him in death were his parents, a daughter and son-in-law Rachel and Alvin S. Beachy, 3 grandchildren, six brothers, and 3 sisters. Although Noah and his wife have been able to attend church services for years, his interest and concern for his family, the church and community remained very keen. They enjoyed listening to the Mt. View messages through a cassette ministry, with Noah frequently singing along with the congregation. Brother Noah will be remembered for his patience in suffering, his love, kindness and generosity to family, friends and fellowmen. Over the years folks who called on Noahs to cheer them came away feeling challenged and blessed themselves.

Due to the fact that his daughter Grace, wife of the Mountain Anthems director, Menno S. Beachy, as well as 14 grandchildren, (including 5 by marriage) are with the Mountain Anthems on their southern singing tour the Anthems have canceled Sunday's scheduled programs and are driving home after Sat. evening's program at Clinton, N.C. Menno and Grace are flying to Washington, D.C. Sat. morning from where their son James of Centerville, Va. will bring them home. Noah had asked how long they (Mt. Anthems) were going to be gone and when told "ten days" he commented, "that is too long."

Regina Yoder, who has mono, was hospitalized and on IVs from Mon. eve. to Wed. a.m. because she was dehydrating, as a result of her very sore throat.

Arlene Kauffman was also in the hospital several hours on Fri. undergoing tests which left her weak, nauseated and having severe headache from the anesthetic she was given.

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD.

March 7--A sparkling clear sunny morning.

There are 2 new baby boys to report again. Quite a difference from a year ago when we already had 9 and so far this year, only 3. Baby Tobias arrived at the Amos R. and Mary Stoltzfus home Sunday night. He is greeted by 7 brothers and 7 sisters and is already an uncle also. Sam R. and Barbara Stoltzfus and Mary Stoltzfus are grandparents.

Also a great-grandson for Sam Rs. arrived sometime over Sunday at the Samuel U. and Katie Stoltzfus home. He has 2 brothers and 4 sisters. Sammie J. Stoltzfuses and Andy Hertzlers are the grandparents. He has been named Henry.

Yesterday Mrs. Sam Hostetler had a quilting for the neighbor women before Ben Hertzlers move, but then Lydia's sisters of Path Valley, Pa. were down for the day at Sammie Js. so Lydia was also there. They were cleaning house for their mother.

I still see the dr. every 4 to 6 days because of fluid buildup, but so far everything is healing nicely. Yesterday a sunshine box also appeared and Sat. a scrapbook from Woodside school. I have been enjoying many letters also.

Mary Z. Byler

GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

March 6--Lewis Tice returned safely froom Kenya, Africa Wed. Due to a problem with the plane, after 3 hours of flying they were flown back to London for repairs and so arrived a day later than scheduled. Lewis reports having had a wonderful time.

Jonathan and Ruth Beachy and 4 children of Ascuncion, Paraguay are taking a three-month leave, planning to be here with his parents Irvin and Tillie Beachy of Meyersdale, Pa. a while, then visit Ruth's family in Col., after which plans are to return to this area and enroll their daughters Lisa and Heidi at Mountain View Christian School. The children, as well as their parents, can speak Spanish and English quite fluently, while Jonathan also speaks Pa. Dutch, German and the Lengua Indian language. A favorite closing for his letters in the Indian language is to wish your insides soft and spread out (which interpreted has a beautiful meaning referring to insides rather than heart as does the English language).

Enos J. Maust recently spent a night in the Meyersdale Community Hospital because of shortness of breath. He is back at Maust's Home Care, but since then his wife Vernie (former Budget scribe for Meyersdale, Pa.) was admitted with a painful lump on her hip.

Ruth, widow of Raymond Tice, had a mini stroke which resulted in her having difficulty swallowing and necessitating the use of a tube to feed her. Since this seemed too much for her daughter Elaine to handle in the Kermit Yoder home and Ruth wished to go to the Goodwill Mennonite Home, she has been moved to the home. Hopefully the activity there will help pass time quickly and she will be less lonesome.

Grace and Menno Beachy who flew from Clinton, N.C. to Washington arrived home Saturday. The Mt. Anthems traveling Sat. night after a program at Clinton, N.C. arrived home Sun. morning at 6 o'clock. Some of them made it to church Sun., coming after Sunday School. They report having had a very good trip.

The funeral of Noah M. Beachy conducted by Henry Tice and Floyd Bender, pastor of Friendship Haven Chapel, was largely attended, including his frail widow, Elizabeth, 93, who was brought on her wheelchair. Grandchildren and families who came from a distance were: Daniel and Emma Beachy and 4 children of Fairfax, Va., Daniel and Anna Tice and 5 children of Queenstown, Md., Paul and Naomi Petersheim and 6 children of Oakland, Md., Robert and Elsie Beachy and 3 daughters and Emanuel and Miriam Miller of Hyndman, Pa., Daniel and Lois Yoder of Rocky Mountain, N.C., Rodney and Judith Kemerer and 2 daughters of Pittsburgh, Pa., James and Katherine Beachy and son of Centerville, Va., Thomas and Ellen Wegman and son of Cumberland, Md., James and Joyce Maust and 3 daughters of Harrisonburg, Va., Leon and Esther Hershberger and 3 children of Wooster, Ohio, Thomas and Edith Miller and son of McConnellsburg, Ohio and Bruce and Vera Martin and 5 children of Somerset, Pa.

Among the nephews who attended from a distance were Jonathan Beachy of Ascuncion, Paraguay, Ernest E. Yoder and son-in-law Milo Zehr of Rustburg, Va., Clark Yoders of Meigs, Ga., our son Joseph and family and a niece Mrs. Bertha Brenneman and her daughter Reenie and sister-in-law Ida of Virginia Beach, Va. Cousins and friends of Oakland, Md. as well as some from Catlett, Va. were also present and lunch was served to approximately 370 people.

Of the 37 grandchildren and 62 great-grandchildren all except one grandchild and 5 great-grandchildren were at the "grandpa's" funeral (the count in my March 3rd letter was wrong). Grandsons Daniel, Robert, James and Jason Beachy, Kenneth Miller and Melvin Schrock served as pallbearers. Interment was in the Mt. View Church Cemetery.

Irvin and Barbara Hershberger left sooner than they had planned to after the closing of Calvary Bible School at Calico Rock, Arkansas and arrived home in time to attend the funeral.

Marilyn Tice entered the Sacred Heart Hospital and is scheduled for surgery March 6th. Sharon Yoder is filling in as substitute monitor for her at Mt. View Christian School. Henry & Mary Yoder

BITTINGER, MD.

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

March 8--The weather is still very mild for March. Eli Mulletts' little Philip has the chicken pox, so those will probably be making their rounds.

Virginia Miller came home last Fri. morning after about a month's stay with her aunt Mabel, the Robert Swareys in Kentucky.

Visiting with Eli Mulletts Sat. and also at church Sun. morning was the Noah Schwartz family of Farmville, Va. They left Sun. afternoon for Bedford to be with her bro., Leroy Summeys.

Uriah Millers served dinner to the youth Sunday and then in the afternoon they had cottage meetings at two different places in Swanton. David Troyers went with the one group and Uriahs with the other one.

Ruth Smucker, Fannie and Kathy Peachey, Dorcas Miller and Lydia Mae Kauffman were to Lancaster Tuesday.

Coming home from Costa Rica Tues. evening were Eli and Mary Yoder. They were gone about 6 wks. doing excavating work on the road between Pataste and Quebradon. Kenneth left to take his dad's place the same day they came home. He plans to stay a month. David Troyers took him to the Pittsburgh airport.

This morning Ernie Yoder left for a 2-week stay in Honduras to visit his special friend, Wilma Garber. Allen Kauffman and Michael Fisher took him to the Pittsburgh airport where he met 2 boys from Mt. Perry, Oh. From there they traveled together.

Quite a few of the brethren attended Abner Kauffman's farm sale today.

Mrs. Urie Kanagy

GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

March 7--Some mornings it is 10^0 to 15 near zero, but warms up through the day. Maple syrup season isn't doing so good this year.

Church was held in Niverton dist. on Sunday. Sermon by Ray Kinsinger and Bennie A. Yoder. Singing for young folks in eve. was held at Joel A. Yoders'.

Alvin Fishers went with load from Lebanon Co. to Indiana last week. They expected to return home this week.

Pre. Ray S. Kinsinger of Springs, Pa. will have surgery for a hernia today, March 7, at Meyersdale Community hospital.

Rosie, 10-year-old dau. of Joseph A. Peacheys, had a CAT scan taken of her abdomen at Cumberland last week. The tests showed clear. She is having stomach pains.

Enos Lees and the writers expect to leave by bus for different parts of Missouri and Wis. Due to bus strikes we have to go to Breezewood, Pa. to catch a bus tonight. The main lines are still going.

A load was to Belleville March 3. On the load was Bennie Peacheys and family, David Peacheys and family, Raymond, Edwin and Annie Peachey, Paul J. Yoders and Lewis Zook and daus., Elizabeth and Barbara. Monroe Tice was their driver. Annie Peachey stayed at her brother Menno Peacheys' in Belleville, Pa. to help them out with their work and help care for their sick baby.

Sister Fannie Zook of Meyersdale, Pa. had surgery March 6 at her eye at the Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. She had a hemangioma tumor below her eye with a lot of tangled blood vessels in it which had caused a lot of pressure. They sutured it and cut if off. She is to take care a week or it could start bleeding. They don't feel it is cancer, but tests aren't back yet.

Eli & Amanda Summy

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

March 18--Our weather has been so beautiful and mild. Farmers are plowing and early spring flowers are blooming.

Fri. night the 9th Lester Miller of Blue Ball, Pa. started a series of meetings. The Dry Run Mennonite Church asked him in and they had the meetings here at the Bittinger Firehall.

John Smuckers were to Juniata Co. for the day on Sat. coming home again that evening.

Quite a few were gone over last Sunday. Martha Esh, Martha Wengerd, Marion Smucker and Sharon Miller were to Flemingsburg, Ky., Raymond, Rose and Liz Fisher and Phil Kauffman were to McConnellsville, Ohio and we were to McVeytown, Pa.

Millard Yoders, Levi Millers and Larry Gingerichs were to a church in Terra Alta, W.Va. last Sun. They had asked to have one of our ministers come so Millard consented to go.

There was no school on Monday because our 3 teachers were visiting schools in Ky. and Ohio.

Joni Shetlers, Gap Mills, W.Va. were guests at our Wed. evening services. He brought the message and Eli Yoder also gave a talk on their Honduras and C.R. trip.

David Troyers left Fri. afternoon for McVeytown and then going on to Lancaster Sat. morning to attend the wedding at Melita. Sam Fishers, Martha Esh and Dave Schwartz, Mt. Perry, Oh. also went for this wedding. Sams stayed for today yet, coming home tonight.

Eli Mullets were to Pa. yesterday and on the way home, stopped in at Morgantown to pick up Brock Zigler who spent Sat. night and Sun. with them. They took him back again this afternoon.

Visitors in church today were Harvey Yoders, Bedford, Dave Schwartz and Susan Esh, Mt. Perry, Oh. and Brock Eigler. Visitors tonight were Ike Stoltzfus of Va. and Simon Harvey, Oakland.

Mrs. Urie Kanagy

CHARLOTTE HALL MARYLAND

March 14--A very nice day so far but a little too warm. A lot of people have some garden planted such as peas and even some potatoes. Nice for farmers to get their plowing done. It's the time of year for frisky lambs and playful baby goats plus calves, baby chicks, etc.

The 2 baby boys reported last week were little Henry at Samuel U. Stoltzfuses', born Sun. March 4th and the little one, Tobias at Amos R. Stoltzfuses' Mon., March 5.

Most of the newlyweds are moved in now but one couple is moving today and another this week yet sometime.

Elmer Stoltzfuses started their new house last week, back in the woods.

Late yesterday afternoon Ben S. Swarey was kicked in the face while fastening a trace on a horse that was somewhat jittery. He let loose with his feet and hit Ben in the face in the nose and cheekbone area. Both eyes were swollen shut before he left for the hospital. He was stable and conscious there the first aid procedures before he left. He was taken by helicopter but am not sure where. As of now that is all the information I have. Their home address is: Rt. #1, Cedar Tree Lane, Charlotte Hall, Md. 20622.

Andy Hertzler had his thumb in a tight place and had the nail taken off which needed some drs. attention. His first daughter-in-law had one of her fingers shortened by a meat grinder about a month ago. Fortunately the bone was hard enough to stall the engine as it was run by power. She lost the ring finger on her left hand just beyond the last joint. Her little finger was also badly injured but is healing. The dr. removed the ring finger as it was too badly mangled to try to save as it would have been stiff. Andy was helping get ready for their son and daughter-in-law to move.

Tent caterpillars are at their work again and appear to be a bumper crop on some trees. Ladybugs are also plentiful here around the 2 oak trees in the yard.

Mary Z. Byler

SALISBURY, MARYLAND

Salisbury Mennonite Church

March 15--We are having very nice weather.

This afternoon Daniel Kropf, Tony Brunk and Tim Mast left for Carbon Hill Bible School program.

Nelson Good and Vernon Kropf were here last weekend for a visit from C.H.B.S. Vernon is a bro. to Daniel.

William Bears left for Guatemala the 10th. They were at Amelia, Va. for an ordination for the weekend. They stopped at Elida, Oh. to visit his father who is not well. They spent a night at Macon, Miss., then going to Foxworth, Miss. and David Miller took them down to the New Orleans airport. They flew the 15th. They will spend a week in Belize before flying back. Augusto didn't go along as I had stated before because he didn't have his papers.

On Tues. we received word that Norman Martin from Pantego, N.C. died and Alvin Masts and we plan to go to the funeral tomorrow. Jason Yoders and Steve Bears also plan to go.

The Jason Yoders are happy to have their dau. Sherry and Darryl Seimens move here from Duchess, Alberta.

The Sanford Mast family left for their home in Wisc. His sis., the Mark Heatwoles came from Oh. to visit with them before they left and stayed a few days.

Sam and Glenda left for Summersville, Mo. the 15th and came home on Tues. evening.

Nolan and David Brunk came home last week and they got the rest of the family with the exception of Tony. They will be staying several more weeks.

Joseph Masts

PITTSVILLE, MARYLAND

March 13--We are enjoying spring weather again with a record high of 85° today. It's beautiful garden making weather.

March first we invited Karen Good and girls to share a new pizza with us for supper. Karen was surprised when later in the evening several ladies and daus. arrived with gifts to share in honor of her birthday the next day.

The next afternoon Wendall Brunks and Andrea Good traveled to Ephrata, Pa. to visit over the weekend with Edwin Jr. Kurtzes. They attended Valley View church on Sun. morning.

The same Sun. morning Tanya Good, Tammy Carter and Willis Knepps drove to Amelia, Va. to attend the minister ordination for Mex. Bro. Steve Mast was ordained. Also chosen by lot to serve a term of service in Mexico was Bro. Fred Mast. We returned home the same day.

Appearances are beginning to change on Ron Gascho's house. They are building a new addition containing bedroom and a bath, I understand.

Visitors last Wed. evening at prayer meeting were Sanford Masts, Augusta, Wisc. Sanford led our devotional period.

Our new church building is in the finishing stages. Last evening the men put on the last piece of wainscoting. There is still some trim work. We are eagerly waiting and expecting our first service around the first of May.

Mrs. Willis Knepp

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

March 14--Weather is unusually warm the last while, up to 78° yesterday p.m.

S. School was held Sunday. Visitors were Elmer and Edna Ropp of Brunner, Ca. and Miss Esther Swartzentruber of Aylmer, Ca. We had the pleasure of having Elmer and Edna Ropp here for a call Sun. p.m. and Henry Swartzentrubers of here. The cousins of Esther were together Sun. eve. at the David Swartzentruber home.

Those going to Ohio a wk. ago Sat. were Mrs. Henry Petersheim, Mrs. Ernest Schrock and 3 daus., Miriam, Mrs. John Cora Yoder, Mrs. Sam Barbara Yoder and Mrs. Andrew Schrock to the home of their mother and grandma, Mrs. Barbara Shetler, my sister, and to Pete Beachy's to visit Pete's aunt Sarah and bro. Uriah Miller.

Mrs. David C. Peachey was to Belleville, Pa. recently.

Nelson Brennemans of Guthrie, Ky. came to her parents' home last evening, the Jonas Yoders, also bringing along her sister Irene who had been working for them since the birth of their first child.

Miss Grace Lichty is at the hospital at present with complications. Joe Zook is to go to Morgantown, W. Va. soon to have something done for his heart condition.

Atlee Hershbergers

GRANTSVILLE, MD

March 16--The Mt. View Youth group had a housewarming for Jerry Yoder in the Mt. Anthems building adjacent to the church Wed. eve. of last week. Jerry received around $300 in cash as well as many useful gifts and the youth had a pleasant evening of fun and fellowship. Jerry is renting Shirley Kinsinger's farm and tenant house, and his Aunt Ruth Arlene Yoder will be keeping house for him.

Carolyn, Mrs. Clayton Yoder, who had surgery last week for the replacement of several heart valves in a Pittsburgh, Pa. hospital got along exceptionally well and already looks and feels better than she has for a long time.

Marilyn Tice who also had surgery last week was released from the hospital Sat. and is getting along well. Patricia Yoder Schrock and Sharon Yoder are filling in as monitor for the primary grades until she is able to be back on the job.

Lester Miller of Blueball, Pa. conducted a financial seminar at the Bittinger Fire Hall over the weekend. His wife, Betty, was with him and they stayed at Alva Mausts'.

Jacob and Marlene Tice and 3 children moved from the Tice farm in Boynton, Pa. to the former Kenneth Livengood property in Upper Springs, Pa. Sat. A potential tragedy came out all right earlier in the week when Jacob's mother Sarah, Mrs. Monroe Tice had taken Marlene, the children and some household things up to their new home in the van. After unloading she left for home and hearing some unusual sounds wondered if she has a flat tire, but thinking it nothing serious she kept going. She then noticed someone following her, obviously trying to get her attention with blinking lights and motions, so she stopped.

The driver came up to the van and asked, "Do you realize you have a child hanging on to the side of your van?" Jacob's five-year-old son Jonathan, supposing that since he had come with Grandma he was to go back with her, thought the others were already on the van and got up on the small running board they had installed on the van and clung to the latch all the way from Upper Springs to the Otto Corner on Route 669. Sarah was too shocked to ask the lady's name but immediately returned to Jacob's new home where Jonathan's parents had already missed him. The little boy explained that Sarah went so fast and he had to hold so tight his hand really hurt, but other than that seemed none the worse for his wild ride with Grandma Tice. His guardian angels must have been on double duty.

Lewis Tice gave a very interesting account Sun. of his trip to Africa in a sermon bringing out lessons learned on his trip.

Glenn (Chad) and Pauline Yoder entertained and served a delicious turkey supper to 16 of the older youth of the Mt. View congregation. Jonathan Yoder was also invited to play with Chad's 3 boys and Glenn and Joanna Schrock helped with serving the meal.

Members of the Clair Schnupp and Eugene Sommers families gave a program in song and brothers Schnupp and Sommers spoke about their work at Northern Youth Programs, Dryden, Ont. Wed. eve. at the Maple Glenn Menn. Church Wed. eve.

Vernie, Mrs. Enos Maust (former Meyersdale, Pa. scribe) a patient at the Meyersdale Community Hospital for several weeks is being fed through a tube to her stomach. Enos became sick Tues and was admitted to the same hospital Wed. with pneumonia.

We picked up Mrs. Anna Baker and Mrs. Ruth Beiler Wed. and took them to the Alva Maust's Home Care to visit Ray Yoder and Walter and Barbara Otto. Ray, who has now moved into the new apartment, and Walter Alva were both out walking. Henry also went for a walk, met Ray and the two of them rounded up Walter and all came into the apartment. They are doing well, are in good spirits and seem perfectly content in this beautiful scenic mountain setting.

The Shirley Kinsinger farm buzzed with activity Wed. when relatives and friends came in to help prepare for the sale of her cattle and equipment. Cows and equipment brought average prices, the one Guernsey cow bringing $1400. Auctioneers were Raymond Bender and Frank Murray and lunch was served by the Mt. View Congregation's food committee who had to replenish their supplies several times to take care of the crowd.

The Absolute Sale of farm and milking equip. at the Jacob and Enos Tice Farm near Boynton is to be held Sat., March 17.

We received a letter from Claude and Edna Beachy (Henry's sister) of Quito, Ecuador today, referring to the armed robbery in the transmitter building in Pifo in Feb. The thieves had tied up two operators who were on duty, stolen about 50 circuit boards and a mission vehicle and left a note demanding $250,000 and threatening additional damage to their facilities. Engineers (of which Claude is one) soon had HCJB back on the air. The situation has reminded Claudes of the days of threats they lived under in Haiti for months. Having gone through it before Edna writes, "We have learned, in part, at least how to trust the Lord in the situation."

Enos Maust, 91, passed away Sat. morning. His wife remains a patient in the Myersdale hosp. It is said she will realize when told about his death but forgets about it in a few minutes.

Henry & Mary Yoder

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD

March 20--Windy and seems cold with 32° compared to our 80° to 90° we had last week. Reports are that around Washington, D.C. and a bit further north they had 2" of snow this morning with slippery roads and closed schools.

Today is the day newlyweds Levi and Fannie Stoltzfus want to move and start life together. Newlywed Noah and Barbara Hertzler moved last week and their address is now Noah Hertzler, 1995, West Tintop School Road, Mechanicsville, Md. 20659. Reuben and Susann Stoltzfus have 2200 Millwood Dr., Mechanicsville, Md. 20659.

Levi Y. and Elam G. Stoltzfuses also Israel L. Sarey would also be on Millwood Dr. but I do not have their numbers. Adding Millwood Drive would help in mail delivery. Stephen and Katie Swarey would be on Cedar Tree Lane, Charlotte Hall, Md. 20622.

Ben S. Swarey had surgery on Thurs. to fix his crushed nose. The cheekbone, the side and bones above his left eye are also broken but he was able to come home from the Prince George General Hosp. on Sun., doing well. All you guys out there that have been banged up sometime, how about a letter of encouragement of how you coped. They were busy, very busy, this spring getting a house ready for their newlyweds and they had moved them in on Sat., the 10th, then they were ready to start spring work in earnest, but God had other plans as on the 12th he was kicked in the face. A severe blow in more ways than one. Their address in Ben S. Swarey, Cedar Tree Lane, Charlotte Hall, Md. 20622.

Last Thurs., the day Ben had surgery, men and women were at the farm hauling manure, plowing and other jobs that go with spring. Women and girls were planting garden and cleaning up. Needless, to say the horse that kicked Ben was sent up the road on a 1-way ticket.

The Sam R. and Ben J. Stoltzfuses families were to a funeral in Lanc., Pa. of a bro.-in-law, Sam K. Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand, Pa. He had been quite sick for some time. Mary Z. Byler

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Hagerstown Fellowship

March 19--After some unseasonably warm weather farmers are busy in the fields and early gardens have been planted.

Arnold Campbells were to Va. to visit his parents. Dale Duecks were to Ohio.

Last evening the Harold Weaver Jr. family from Stoughstown were at church. Bro. Harold gave a report of his recent trip to Nigeria to visit the churches there.

Ralph Horst's son Arlin (nearly 4 yrs. old) had an operation on his eyes last week. He's getting along well.

Some of us were to Spring Valley, Pa. last week where bro. Ezra Martin held a week of meetings.

Melisa Martin (Joseph) went with some other young folks to the closing program of the Carbon Hill Bible School.

"We are told that aging is a case of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

Mrs. Abel Martin

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

March 22--Weather is nice again after a cool spell.

Church was held Sun. Is to be council April 1st.

Visiting Henry Petersheims and Em. Schrocks last week were Joni Shetlers of Gap Mills, W.Va. They also made a call with Anna's sister, the Edwin Beachys.

Attending a funeral in Lancaster, Pa. the 14th of Mrs. Malinda Lapp were Pete Beachys and Jonas Yoders and dau. Catherine and Mrs. Alvin C. Yoder accompanied them to visit her sister.

Visitors with Abe Kauffmans last week were her sisters and parents and sister-in-law and aunt. Eli and Katie Weaver, Mrs. Jonas Mullet, Mrs.. Em. Schlabach, Mrs. Homer Coblentz, Mrs. Jacob Yoder and Mrs. Ray Burkholder, Mrs. Ivan Weaver and Mrs. Monroe J.C. Miller. Their driver was Mrs. Pete Martha Miller, who spent the night with us.

Jesse, son of David Swartzentrubers, spent several days at the Morgantown Hospital, suspicious of appendicitis, but came home Wed without surgery and is back in school.

Catherine and Sevilla Yoder went home with Nelson Brennemans of Guthrie, Ky. and will spend several days there before returning to Catherine's home at Salem, Ind. Atlee Hershbergers

GRANTSVILLE, MD

March 23--Edwin and Elva Beachy Yoder of Manassas, Va. visited Edwin's father Claude Yoder, sister Esther and Crist Swartzentruber and Elva's mother Lydia and siblings Menno and Fannie Beachy recently. Lydia fell and hurt her arthritic knee when coming out of the Meyersdale Hospital after she and Fannie had some tests taken there.

Lura, Mrs. Cleamon Folk, in her 90s, and Freda Maust of Springs, Pa. have returned home from a 10-week stay in Sarasota, Fla. Others from the Springs area who took short vacations in Fla. were the Rick Critchfield family, Willard and Alvina Livengood, Edwin (Champ) and Fern Yoder and Albert and Alta Killius.

The Jacob and Enos Tice sale was well attended Sat. in spite of dreary and cooler weather. It was said that people at the Tice sale had goose bumps on the sun burns they had acquired at Shirley Kinsinger's sale Thurs.

Jose, the Spanish speaking Salvadorian refugee who has been with the Jacob Tice family for several months came down with a miserable case of chicken pox last week. Sharon Yoder has been giving him lessons in English. He hopes to move on to Canada soon.

Philip and Lela Bender, Mrs. Arletha Bender and her special friend Ervin H. Yoder were to Glenfield, N.Y. for the baptismal service of one of Arlin Omar Bender's children, (a grandchild of both Philips and Arletha). When Arletha came down the steps at Maust's Home Care to leave her foot slipped, causing her to fall. Although her leg was hurting they went on to their destination. She then went to an emergency room in New York where it was determined that a small bone above the ankle was broken and a temporary cast was put on. She was to Cumberland, Md. to have another cast put on Mon. Arletha is directing the care of the guests in the apartment of Maust's Home Care while another helper does the work.

Kevin, son of James and Catherine Yoder Beachy became very sick last week while enroute to a Bible quiz and was admitted to a hospital in Beckley, West Va. where he underwent 7 hours of surgery for an obstructed bowel. He was getting along as well as could be expected until Tues. he took a turn for the worse. They hoped to transfer him to the Fairfax, Va. hospital where his father works but he was not able to be moved and had another 4 hours of surgery to correct a kinked intestine and adhesions. At last reports his condition was critical but his doctor said he was slowly progressing.

Glenn and Pauline Yoder (Kevin's uncle) and 3 sons were to Beckly to be with James and Catherine Sun. and were allowed to look in and say "hello" to Kevin. Menno and Grace Beachy went Mon. to be with James and Catherine and stayed till Thurs.

The George Pinkham family left Fri. to visit friends in Ohio over the weekend. Traveling with them was Brenda Beachy who stayed with her sister Edith and Thomas Miller and son at McConnelsville, Ohio.

Visitors at Mt. View Church Sun. morn. were Amzie Yoders and dau. and their son James and Gladys Beachy Yoder and 3 children. James and family were guests of Gladys' parents, Simon and Martha Beachy while Amzies stayed at Lewis Tices. Also visiting were Mrs. Hazel Yoder of New Centerville, Pa. who brought her mother Barbara Yoder and a friend of LeRoy Nissleys whose name I failed to get.

The Lloyd Yoder and Edna Kinsinger families, involving around 60 people, held their own service in Shirley Kinsinger's machine shed Sun.

An afternoon instead of evening service was held at Mt. View with Joe Swartzentruber speaking. Mr. and Mrs. Enos Tice and dau. were visitors.

Mrs. Anna Baker was to Wheeling, West Va. to have a cataract removed by laser Mon. However the condition of her eye required surgery and she was kept over night and surgery was done Tues. She returned to her apartment home at Starner Hill apt. in Grantsville, Wed. p.m. seemingly doing all right.

The ladies of our family took daughter-in-law Karen Yoder out for her birthday lunch Wed. at a soup and sandwich restaurant on Route 40 where Mandy, our son Joseph's wife, of Scottdale, Pa. met us and we had a delicious meal. Henry and Mary Yoder

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

March 29--John and Ruth Smucker were to a funeral at Lancaster, Pa. on Wed. and came home that evening.

Ernie Yoder came home from a 2-week visit to Honduras. Raymond and Samuel Fisher, Mattie Yoder and family went to meet him at the airport in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Thurs. evening.

Darlene Kauffman and Mrs. Claude Swartzentruber left for a funeral in Geauga Co., Ohio on Thurs. p.m. and came home Friday evening.

Urie Kanagys and family left Friday p.m. for Ohio and spent the night with his parents, Ezra Kanagys. They and Ezras left on Sat. morn. for Rosebush, Mich. to spend several days with their 2 daughters and sisters. Uries plan to come home Fri. eve., the 30th.

The Sam Fisher family, Darlene Kauffman and family, Mattie Yoder and family spent Sat. at Washington, D.C. at the Air and Space Center.

On Monday there were several accidents in the community. Mark Smucker got 2 fingers in a table saw and was treated in the emergency room. James Coletti somehow shot a staple into his knee and also had surgery. Mark Mullet got his leg scratched with a chain saw. Also Dwayne and Dennis Miller were involved in an accident. They were the 2nd car stopped behind a school bus and a truck rammed into them, pushing them into the car ahead of them. Then another truck struck the first truck and struck the Miller car again. It demolished the car but didn't hurt the boys much.

Visitors in services last Sun. morning were Allen Sommers and 2 children of Bedford, Pa., the Joe Gilpin family, Steve Esh, Alvin Landis Jr. and Lana Sue Yoder of Flemingsburg, Ky., also Esther Lehman of Washington, D.C. Esther was visiting with the Eli Mullet family.

Some of the sisters here plan to take lunch and spend the day with Rachel Swartzentruber, Oakland. We plan to do some quilting. Mattie Yoder

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD

March 27--The little green rows in gardens are not doing much the past 10 days as it has been cool and ground was covered with snow a few times.

Ben S. Swarey is gaining nicely with a rebuilt nose and plates around the eye also plastic behind the right eye to protect his eye and sight. He goes out some also does light jobs at chore time but is to keep his head up. He gets lots of company which helps keep him away from doing too much. He is very lucky with the injuries he had. It is his right side though instead of the left.

This writer too is about back to regular work but tires easily and needs more rest. Still have some fluid buildup in right armpit.

Church was at Tobias Hertzlers' on Sun. and if plans hold it is the last time Ben Hertzlers will attend before moving to their N.Y. home. It is with mixed feelings for this church, especially, as well as others also, to see them go. It will leave an empty space in the minister's row.

They expect to leave next week and I do not have their new address yet. Talking of addresses, last week I gave the new ones as Millwood Drive and it is Millwood Lane instead. Ben A. Stoltzfus and Samuel I. Swareys would also be on that lane now. Ben's number is 2400.

Bluebirds are already setting on their first nest of eggs. I did not have my box up more than one day before a pair claimed it. Have not seen or heard any martins yet.

Solomon Wengerd and wife of New Wilmington, Pa. attended our church on Sun. Chris Wengerd and dau. Katie, also of New Wilm., are in the area. They are visiting their 2 sisters Katie Yoder and Emma Kurtz. Mary Z. Byler

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

March 29--Frost yesterday morning.

Darlene Kauffman took Mrs. Claude Swartzentruber to West Farmington, Ohio a week ago to attend the funeral of Mrs. Andy J. Katie Byler.

Robbie Swartzentruber took Mrs. Noah Kauffman and children, Mrs. Rachel Swartzentruber, David Zooks and family and John N. Yoder to the Somerset area last Sat.

A load of women went to Mrs. Eli Brenneman's in Somerset area today to help quilt to pay hospital bills.

We were to the funeral in Ohio of Mrs. Andy C. Yoder recently. Rachel Swartzentruber went along to visit her niece, the Ura Bylers and Mrs. Vernon Beachy to visit her sister-in-law, the Uriah Millers. Robbie Swartzentruber was our driver.

Joe Zook is coming along o.k. after making 2 trips to Morgantown, W. Va. about his heart.

David Peacheys attended a funeral in Penn Valley of Mrs. Joseph H. Hostetler recently.

A load of women from Swanton area are helping Mrs. Rachel Swartzentruber quilt today. Atlee Hershberger

SALISBURY, MARYLAND

Salisbury Menn. Church

March 29--Weather is cool at present and had a skiff of snow last week.

On the 16th of March we had attended the funeral of Norman Martin, having traveled with Alvin and Dorothy Mast.

On the way down in N.C. we stopped to eat breakfast at McDonalds. Alvin left his keys in the van and locked the van, leaving his lights on. So he got a man to help open it but before he did Bernice and Jay Yoder and Steve and Debbie Bear drove in. So Jay and Steve opened the small window of the van by the second seat.

David Hertzlers from Mexico were in services last night, having flown on Tuesday eve. They are here for a few days, then are planning to visit his parents' home in Pa. They will return and visit here again later.

Leon Yoder had a surprise when he drove his semi truck to Baltimore and back home, then he heard a baby kitten under his truck. It was on the transmission of the truck, as the mother had the kitten on there and the placenta was hanging on a bolt which was the reason the kitten did not fall off. They could not find the mother, so Miriam fed it with a bottle, but it died.

Joseph Masts

HAGERSTOWN, MD

March 26--The temp. was 23° this morn. Peach and pear trees are blooming; can they take that cold? It snowed most of the day Sat. but is melted now.

Most people planted early gardens. Our peas, radishes, lettuce and spinach are coming up. Many sowed alfalfa the week that was so warm. Maybe a little dry for this time of the year.

Bro. Merle Petre preached at Meadow View yesterday morn. Joel Petres and Gilson Martins ate dinner with us. Last eve. at Stouffer's, Bro. Mervin Martin brought the message.

Births: Brent Duane, 2nd child of David and Ellen (Strite) Ebersole, born Feb. 25. Lloyd Jason, 2nd son of Byron and Leona (Burkholder) Martin, born March 12. Vera Joyce, 6th child of Keith and Rebecca (Petre) Martin, born March 20. She has 5 brothers.

It seems like we are accident prone lately. On a Fri. about 3 weeks ago our boys were pushing a green brush pile together trying to burn it. They got fire in the skid loader. They tried putting it out with water first, and then called the fire company.

Then the next Fri. one of the boys was using the torch in a shed about 10 ft. from a wagon load of straw. It popped and the next thing he knew, the straw was on fire. He yelled for help and they pulled the wagon down in the field and upset it on its side. Then they hooked chains to the running gear and yanked it free of the wagon, saving it and the wheels.

Mrs. Roy H. Petre

GRANTSVILLE, MD

March 28--We had 4" of snow last week. Is mostly gone now and is 15° this morning.

Church was held in Springs dist. on Sun. Sermon by Daniel Kinsinger and Bennie A. Yoder. Those in church from other districts were Bish. Bennie A. Yoders, Alvin Fisher Jr., Sam Beilers and family, Floyd and Naomi Yoder, Thomas Peachey, Mark Brennemans and family, Petie L. Yoder and David B. Yoders and family and Joe B. Yoders and family. Young folks singing in evening was held at Noah B. Yoders'.

Rosie, 10-year-old dau. of Joseph A. Peacheys of Salisbury, Pa. had stomachache and vomiting since last part of Dec. She is now in Pittsburgh hosp. since March 21. The doctor feels it is a nerve problem. She came home from the hosp. March 27. She can eat now and has gained some weight.

Joel Brenneman got his leg badly bruised the other week. He was hauling manure and was loading it when the horses were afraid of the colt which laid there. The colt died of this cold and flu sickness. Noah Bender is helping out there. Joel's leg is better.

Dave, son of Floyd Summys, was running in the barn on March 20 or around there and ran the fork tine in his foot. He has a very sore foot and swollen. He can work again, but not wear a shoe.

Mrs. Sadie Yoder was moved from her dau. David Beachys' to her dau. Joseph Slabauchs' on March 22, but was moved again to Davids' on March 27.

Annie Bender will move to her nephew Harvey Benders' on April 2. She was at her nephew Samuel Peacheys' since Oct. 1. Her address will Rt. 1, Box 264, Salisbury, Pa.

Joseph Peacheys' horses ran away several weeks ago when he was hauling sugar water. They ran in Clifford Benders' yard and against the chimney. It broke a window in their basement.

The writers returned home safe on March 20 from our trip to Prairie Home, Carrollton and Clark, Mo., Blair, Medford, Wilton and Cashton, Wisc. We left on March 9 by bus. We had to go to Pittsburgh, Pa. to get the bus due to bus strike, a distance of 100 miles one way. Saw a lot of picketers, but the national guard and police kept them from doing much damage to buses and so on. The driver let us off at Somerset on the way home.

Sis. Fannie Zook's eye is still giving her bother where she had surgery. There was something on the scab the doctor took off. Her vision was good before surgery, but the pressure from the tumor is what caused her eye to feel miserable. It is not she couldn't see, but now her vision isn't good since surgery. The doctor had said it might damage her vision. She is to change glasses.

Annie and Fannie Zook caught a possum in their chicken house in a Havahart trap. It had 12 small babies in it pocket. This is the second one they caught in chicken house this winter.

Eli & Amanda Summy

GRANTSVILLE, MD.

March 30--Ray Yoder is spending some time with his daughter Lenora, the Francis Maust family, at Lebanon, Pa.

Ivan and Hilda Maust left Wed. for Jacksonville, Alabama to visit their son Richard and family.

The Mt. Anthems were to the Lancaster, Pa. area over the weekend giving programs at Midway Reception Center Sat. evening at Landisville, Homes North Lititz Sun. morn., Mohler Church of the Brethren, Ephrata, Pa. Sun. p.m. and at the Hahnstown United Zion Church, Hahnstown, Pa. Sun. eve., after which they drove home.

Visitors at Mt. View Sun. were Rachel, dau. of Galen Yoders of Costa Rica, who is presently on leave from her duties in Paraguay, Marietta Yoder of Hutchinson, Kansas, but presently attending school in Harrisburg, Pa. and Esther Beachy and Ruby Miller of Holmes Co., Ohio.

Tuesday the primary, elementary and junior students and teachers of the Mt. View Christian School hiked each group to one of 3 Amish Schools, Upper Mountain View, Niverton and Cross Roads. The Amish children sang for their visitors and everyone introduced themselves and told who their parents were (one Mt. View boy could not think of his mother's name,) and had an enjoyable time playing games.

Kevin, son of James and Catherine Beachy, has improved enough to respond to his parents with smiles. He has been transferred by helicopter, accompanied by a doctor & nurse from the hospital at Beckley, W. Va., to the Fairfax General Hospital, Fairfax, Va. where his father works. His cousin, Wessley Yoder, employed in the D.C. area and others were there to meet him while his parents traveled by car. The surgeon at Beckley wanted Kevin to be in a larger hospital, close to specialists and with more equipment to handle Kevin's case and the hurdles he may have to face. Then, too, the doctor observed that friends mean a lot to Kevin and considers being nearer to his home setting and friends will be beneficial to the lad.

Mrs. Anna Baker was to Wheeling, W. Va. Thurs. for a checkup on the eye she had a cataract removed from last week. Dr. Amwar was well pleased with the condition of her eye. However, she is not feeling well this (Fri.) morning, possibly a flu bug.

The annual Heralds of Hope dinner with 164 guests enjoying a turkey dinner followed by their challenging "So Send I You" program presentation of slides, was held at the Salisbury Fire Hall Thurs. evening. Special music was provided by a ladies' octet, a part of the Mt. Anthems. Although J. Otis Yoder, founder of Heralds of Hope is in his 80s, he is still going strong and can be heard on the "Voice of Hope", a 30-minute weekly radio program.

Mrs. Lena Yoder and dau. Regina, the Willis Sommers family, Gloria Nissley and Regina Sue Yoder were to Aroda, Va. for the "farewell" of Lena's dau. Martha who has completed a year of VS at the Mountain View Nursing Home and is now home again.

Jerry and Ruth Yoder have sold their home and plan to move on the Ernest Yoder farm. Plans are that Mrs. Lena Yoder and Reuben Sommers, who lived in part of the farm house, will be moving into double wide and modular homes, both to be placed on the farm.

March 31--Sat. morning: Tragedy struck at the William and Mary Jane Yoder home in late p.m. yesterday when their four-year old son Douglas's clothes caught fire from a trash fire. Since the child was momentarily alone it is not known just how it happened. His aunt, Anna Louise Yoder, a nurse recently returned from Paraguay, heard him scream and was able to quench the fire. Douglas was rushed to Meyersdale Hospital with third degree burns on most of his chest, some on his arrms and less serious ones on his neck. Due to weather conditions the Life Flight helicopter could not come to Meyersdale and he was rushed by ambulance to Donegal, Pa. from where a helicopter flew him to a burn center in Pittsburgh, Pa. His father was allowed to accompany him and stay with him. At last reports the burns had been dressed, Douglas was resting and had gone to sleep.

Due to the fact that Mary Jane is nursing their seven-month-old Crista Joy, who flatly refuses a bottle, she can not stay with Douglas. His two "nurse" aunts, Anna Louise and Ruth Yoder will be able to help along and Jerry Yoder, a nephew who had been helping William over the years stepped in to take care of chores. Grandparents of the child are Noah and Sarah Yoder and Ernest and Elizabeth Beachy. He also has two older brothers, Byron and Brendon.

Henry & Mary Yoder

PITTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 3--Spring is trying to come, but winter has trouble letting go. Peas are up and growing nicely, tulips are in bloom and the trees are turning green. Several people have cut their grass already.

Karen Good and girls Tammy Carter, Regina and Nadine Brunk and Willis Knepps attended the closing program of Messiah Bible School at Carbon Hill, Ohio. The Goods visited at Marion Goods' over the weekend and returned home on Monday.

We welcomed Bible School students Kristina Good, Nina and Ethan Knepp home again.

We helped upper grades teacher Tammy Carter celebrate her birthday on March 21. When she came out for recess mothers and children were there with gifts and refreshments.

Willie and I went to the ministers' business meeting on March 22 at Carbon Hill, Ohio. Harry and Edna Hertzler were there for the whole session of meetings. We were glad for Harry and Edna's return from Bible School again.

Edwin Jr. Kurtzes were visitors in our March 25 Sunday morning services. They were dinner guests of Karen Goods.

Our annual school meeting featuring a guest speaker was on March 27. Bro. Maurice Martin, Hagerstown, Md. was here with us reflecting over the last 31 years of the Christian Day School. Elvin Heges accompanied the Martins and were our visitors. Maurices stayed with Harry Hertzlers.

Last Thurs. evening the young people helped at the church building filling nail holes. Last evening the carpet was all laid. Now we are ready for the delivery of the pews, finish landscaping and final inspection.

LaMar Bear, Amelia, Va., was our supper guest last Friday evening. He was on his way home with a load of garage doors.

Bennett Yoder stayed with son David Yoders from Wed. to Sat. last week. He still lives alone, does his own cooking and driving.

Tammy Carter had special company last evening when her grandparents came to see her. Andrew Kauffmans and Tammy were supper guests of Alvin Masts, then the Kauffmans stayed with Tammy overnight at David Yoders'. They headed for Ohio this morning with a grandson (Byers) as driver on their way to Wisconsin from Florida.

Mrs. Willis Knepp

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD.

April 4--We have had rain again every night this week so far with a ground-shaking thundershower Sunday night and again Monday night.

It is with sadness that I write this letter as our friends Ben Hertzlers are probably busy unloading a packed trailer truck now. One truck left early yest. and the trailer truck, plus the family, in a station wagon expected to pull out at 11 p.m. last night with the horse trailer a few hours later.

Dinner was made here at David Hertzlers' for at least 50 or more men, women, girls and boys. Bens expected to get supper at his parents', Isaac Hertzler Srs'. and spend the remainder of the evening with their son-in-law and daughter John L. Stoltzfuses.

Their address will now be Ben S. Hertzlers, 6195 County Rd. 129, Romulus, New York 14541. Now it's up to you Romulus people to treat them well or we will come and carry them away from you again.

A baby girl was born early Sunday morning, April 1st to Ben L. and Mary Stoltzfus. She has 6 sisters and 3 brothers. She has been named Rebecca. Mary Stoltzfus is the only grandparent. It is the first girl this year and she joins 3 boys so far.

Plans are to seek a bishop in Middle district in communion Sat., April 14. The 3 facing this ordeal are Levi Swarey, Amos R. and Ben L. Stoltzfus.

Mary Byler

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Hagerstown Fellowship

April 2--Last evening we had .7" of rain. It was accompanied with a quick shower of hail. Lots of lawns have been mowed already.

Our schoolteacher Lorine Krieder had her wisdom teeth removed recently. After some discomfort she is feeling better.

On March 20 Abel turned 73 yrs. old. Most of our family were here in the evening with refreshments. There were 36 of us with 4 missing.

On March 25 Menno and Mary Martin were to the home of Mary's aging parents, the Edgar Burkholders, where the whole family gathered.

There will be an Amstutz family gathering in Ohio this month. This will involve the James Campbell family, the Dale Dueck family and the Robert Jones family from here.

Ralph Horst and Landis Martin are leaving by plane today for the bishop-ministers' meetings at Farmington, N.M. They will be gone a week.

Mrs. Abel Martin

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Menn. Fellowship

April 4--Winter has again returned; we're having snow and wind with temp. at 25-30°.

We returned from our Ohio-Michigan trip last Thurs. afternoon after being gone 6½ days.

James Coletti came home from the hospital Sat. eve. He had had a temp. and that's why they didn't let him come home sooner. His knee looks good and is coming along fine, only it will require time to heal.

Millard Yoders, Jack Kauffmans and John Peacheys spent the weekend in Lancaster, leaving Sat. and coming home Sun. evening after services. Bro. Millard was asked to preach at Melita.

Visitors at our Sun. morning services were Eli Schrock and his girlfriend Caroline Hurst of Ashland, Ohio and Mrs. Gene Gilpin and dau. Swanton. Eli and friend were guests of Joe Kauffmans and Roy J. Millers.

Going to Flemingsburg, Ky. for the weekend were Ernie and Anita Yoder, Martha Wengerd, Faith Smucker and Mary Jane Miller. They wanted to surprise Lana Sue Yoder for her 22nd birthday.

John Smuckers, Eli Yoders, Raymond Schrocks, David and Mannie Troyers and we went to Bedford Sunday evening for Allan Sommers' and John Beiler's dedication services.

Levi Millers went to Fla. to spend a few days there and then bring his parents, Emanuel Millers, Oakland, along home. They plan to be back by Friday.

Tuesday was our monthly sewing and also hot lunch for the schoolchildren. Janie Pinkham was a guest at the sewing.

Mrs. Urie Kanagy

GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 4--We are having snow and ground is white. Temp. 22°.. It was 70° the other day.

Council meeting was held in Niverton dist. on Sunday. Sermon by Noah B. Yoder and Ernest Brenneman. Those in church from other dists. were Noah B. Yoders and Ernest Brennemans. Communion church is to be held in 2 weeks.

Menno J. Yoder Srs. and Mrs. Pete A. Yoder were to Oakland, Md. on March 29th. They visited Rudy Yoders and made some more calls. Alvin Bender was their driver.

Albert P. Yoders and 2 children and Mrs. Pete A. Yoder were to Juniata Co. on March 23rd and 24th to visit Floyd P. Yoders and also some others. They took some furniture along for Floyds. Clarence Doyle was their driver.

A load was to Belleville on March 31 to visit Menno A. Peacheys. They were Jacob Kinsingers and dau. Lizzie, J. Homer Kinsingers and Daniel Brennemans and 2 children.

Esther, dau. of Noah B. Yoders, started to work for Herman Kinsingers on April 2.

John Beilers of Lanc. Co. and Fannie King of Lebanon Co. were in this area recently.

Bennie, 8-year-old son of Levi Fishers, fell down the hay hole March 31 and has a bruise on his head. Lizzie, 3-year-old dau. of Simon C. Yoders, fell down the barn steps last week, getting a gash on her forehead which required 10 stitches.

Eli & Amanda Summy

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

April 4--Weather has been changeable. We had April showers and it turned to snow.

Council meeting was held Sunday and is to be communion in 2 weeks.

Visitors last week were Menno J. Yoders and Mrs. Pete (Mary) Yoder of the Somerset area. They had dinner at his bro. Rudy's and made calls in p.m. Alvin M. Bender was their driver.

Herman J. Millers of Paris, Tenn. were in the community Fri. on their way home from Pa. They helped Paul J. Yoders move in the house Cora Schrock had lived in. They did some remodeling before they moved in. They had lived in the house trailer across the road since Cora's death. Hermans left for home Sat.

Leroy Nissleys and son Truman of Liberty, Ky. are visiting her sister, the Joe Zooks, and other relatives.

Atlee Hershbergers

GRANTSVILLE, MD

April 4--Alvin Eichorn, who had several kidney stones removed at the Sacred Heart Hosp., Cumberland, Md. is back in his Starner Hill Apartment home and feeling better than he has for some time.

Kevin, son of James and Catherine Beachy, had no bad effects from his first soft diet food in weeks, April 6th, and was allowed to go to his Centerville, Va. home Sun., April 8th.

Larry Byler, special friend of Kay Miller and his sis. Lorene of Catlett, Va. and the V.S. girls from Friendship Haven Chapel, Cumberland, Md. visited at Edward Millers' Sat.

The George Pinkham family were to Reading, Pa. where George had a speaking engagement Sun.

Elizabeth, Mrs. Noah M. Beachy, appreciates the many cards, greetings and letters they received during the time of Noah's illness and since his death.

William Yoders had their son Douglas to the Burn Unit in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mon. for a checkup. His doctor was well pleased with the progress of healing of his burns and the skin grafting.

Elizabeth, Mrs. Allen Yoder, who was quite sick with pneumonia, is feeling better and gaining strength, but has not been in services for some time.

Visitors at Mt. View Sun. were Ernest Stoltzfus, Sharon Dawn Yoder's fiance of Honeybrook, Pa., Lloyd and Hazel Yoder of New Centerville, Pa. and a granddau. of Monroe Tices.

The Mt. Anthems sang at the Second Baptist Church, Cumberland, Md. Sun. morning; at the Old Furnace Church of the Brethren, Ridgely, W.Va. Sun. p.m.; and at Livingstone Church of the Brethren, Cumberland, Md. Sun. evening. On Good Fri. evening they sang at the Dry Run Conservative Church at Bittinger, Md.

Our son Joseph and family of Scottdale, Pa., as well the rest of the family, spent Sun. p.m. and evening with us.

Arlene Kauffman is having some allergy testing done beyond Pittsburgh, Pa. 3 days a week. This week, rather than drive the 150 miles (one way) 3 times she and Brenda Beachy are staying in the home of a kind friend in the area who gave Arlene a key and a room to stay in her house.

Luella C. Yoder spent some time in Sacred Heart Hosp. for tests and observation and has now been moved to the home of Ira Miller, her sis. Mary Olive of Dry Fork, W. Va.

Ruth Beiler had extensive surgery on an infected finger at the Sacred Heart Hosp. Mon. Her doctor expects she will need to be in the hosp. 2 to 6 weeks on anitbiotics by IVs to clear it up. Her address is Mrs. Ruth Beiler Sacred Heart Hosp., Room 344, Seton Drive, Cumberland, Md. 21502.

Vernie, Mrs. Enos Maust, former Budget scribe for Meyersdale, Pa. (at Alva Maust's Home Care) who had trouble swallowing, is stronger and doing better since she is getting her food my means of a tube in her stomach. They get her out on a chair every day. She does not seem to realize that Enos has passed away and calls for him to answer when the telephone rings.

The Daniel Beachy family of Fairfax, Va., enroute to a wedding in Ind., took Thurs. evening supper with Daniel's parents, Ernest and Elizabeth Beachy, and spent the night there. Traveling with them was Dorcas Miller of Catlett, Va.

The families of Raymond and Ruth Tice gave a program at Goodwill Menn. Home Wed. evening after which they had a party for Ruth's 65th birthday in the dining room. Among the guests were the 10-day-old baby of Michael Yoder, Ruth's first great-grandchild and her son Daniel and Anna Tice and family of Queenstown, Md. who returned home that night. Ruth seems better content since she is in the home surrounded by people and activities.

The 11 children of Olen and Miriam Schrock had a 38th wedding anniversary surprise for therm in the Mt. View Church basement Tues. evening. Eight of Olens' children are married and they have 9 grandchildren. A 4-yr.-old dau., Geneva, was fatally injured when hit by a pickup truck on Route 669 in front of their home March 27, 1976.

Henry & Mary Yoder

GRANTSVILLE, MD

April 6--Milton Beachy plans to go with Stephen Russel to the Washington, D.C. area Fri. from where someone of the Sam Beachy Jr. family will take him to the Greenwood, Del. community for a vacation with his son Allen and Lela Beachy.

Jonathan and Ruth Beachy and 4 children who are on furlough from Asuncion, Paraguay will be staying in Milton's house while he is away. Jonathan's daus. Lisa and Heidi are attending Mt. View Christian School during their time in the States.

Paul and Leona Bender of Belleville, Pa. visited her mother Viola and sister Darlene Miller over the weekend. Sun. they celebrated Viola's birthday with a family dinner at the home of Allen and Virginia Brenneman, another dau. of Accident, Md.

Mrs. Ruth Yoder has returned to her home after staying with her dau. Avon Good during the winter months. Avon and her dau. Carol spent several days with Ruth before returning to their Lima, Ohio home.

Elam and Laura Yoder were to Somerset, Ohio Sun. to visit her bro. Urie who was in an accident and recently came home from the hospital.

Those who are attending the Beachy minister's meetings at the Weavertown Church in the Lancaster, Pa. area are: Lewis and Esther Tice, Ervin and Barbara Hershberger, Henry and Marie Tice, the Floyd Bender family of Cumberland, Md. and Joe and Dorcas Yoder. Joe and Dorcas are taking several days to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Meanwhile, their dau. Amanda is staying with her aunt Naomi, the Paul Petersheim family of Oakland, Md. and Jacob Tice is doing their chores.

Visitors at Mt. View Church Sun. were a Bender couple from Catlett, Va. and Joe and Ruth Tice Overholt and dau. of Minerva, Ohio who were homeward bound from Sarasota, Fla.

Visitors of Mrs. Lydia Beachy and Fannie last week were her dau.-in-law Bertha June Beachy and son Jeff of Manassas, Va.

Mrs. Lydia (Sam) Beachy spent Thurs. in the Sacred Heart Hospital where she had surgery, after which she was allowed to go home.

Harold and Ruth Beiler Yoder and 2 children of Goshen, In. visited her mother Mrs. Ruth Beiler from Mon. eve. to Fri. Ruth Beiler is scheduled for surgery on a badly infected finger next week.

Paul and Marie Yoder and son Sheldon left Wed. for a short vacation at Williamsburg, Va. and expect to come home Sat.

Douglas, 4-year-old son of William and Mary Jane Yoder, who was badly burned when his clothes caught fire March 30th, had skin grafting done April 2nd in the burn center in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. His aunt, Ruth Yoder, is staying with him most of the time. William's family, who were out to see him Thur., report that the bandage was taken off the first time Thur. and skin grafting looks real good. Douglas has a roommate, a little girl who was badly burned in Ecuador and was sent to Pittsburgh for skin grafting. The message this (Fri.) morn. that he can come home today was a delightful surprise.

Jerry, son of Norman Yoder Jr., moved part of what was William Yoder's herd of Jersey cows to Shirley Kinsinger's farm which he is renting, April 3rd. Henry and Mary Yoder

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD

April 11--Sat. morn. the ground was covered with snow and was cold all day. That night it went down to 26° with a low of 30°.

Council meeting on Sun. was at Elam Stoltzfuses' (Sams). We used to say Elam's Sams. Now it's Sam's Elams. Communion is to be at Melvin Stoltzfuses' May 22.

Heard yesterday at a quilting at Andy Hertzlers' that Rachel Swarey (Mrs. Thomas) has walking pneumonia and is housebound. Their address is 3840 Mech.-Choptico Rd., Mechanicsville, Md. 20659.

John K. Hostetler also is not well and has not been for quite sometime and not able to do any or much work. He has heart problems and walking from the house to the shop tires him out. Their address is 3491 Ryceville Rd., Mechanicsville, Md. 20659. He is the oldest son of Lizzie Hostetler and the late Rufus. He has a birthday coming June 24 when he will be 56. His wife Mary is a dau. of Nancy and the late Sam Y. Beiler of Path Valley, Pa. and they have 7 children ranging in age from 18 to 1.

The little barn swallows are flying around this morn. and a few heard martins also on April 5.

Monday Lena Hertzler had her 70th birthday and a big surprise. Her brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews wanted to give her 70 packages but the count by now is well over 100. Ellen Ballard and the writer had dinner with her and some of the family gathered at Andy Hertzlers' quilting. They could hardly wait to get us out of the house but we were enjoying ourselves and reluctant to leave. After the 2nd summons to join them at the quilt, we finally did, then some got busy and piled all the packages on her kitchen floor. When all was ready Rebecca Hertzler (Mrs. Isaac) got Lena to go with her to the kitchen. When she saw the pile of gifts the others were repaid for their efforts.

Mrs. Andy Hertzler is having quiltings again for the annual Rescue Squad sale in Nov.

Horses remind me of people. There are at least 11 in the field across the road from my windows. All are satisfied with the short croppings except one is always looking at the greener grass other side of the fence and spend a lot of time going along that fence stretching as far as he can to get more. Mary Z. Byler

GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 10--We had snow the last of the week, around 4 inches. Now is raining and temp. in the 50°.

Council meeting was held in Springs dist. on Sunday. Sermon by Noah B. Yoder and Alvin Fisher. Those in church from other dist. were Pre. Alvin Fishers and Bish. Bennie A. Yoders.

Communion church is to be held in 2 weeks.

Noah Bender was working for his uncle Joel Brennemans when Joel had his leg hurt. Then Noah also got kicked a week ago on the leg and is quite stiff and sore. He is at his home Enos Benders' again.

Pre. John Helmuths and Enos Millers of Kalona, Iowa were in this area on April 6 and 7. They visited their nephews, Enos and Harvey Benders and family.

Bennie, 20-year-old son of Alvin Fisher, had the misfortune of getting his right hand smashed today April 10 at his aunt, the Sam Beilers'. A cement slab fell on his hand. His small finger is broken and the next one cracked. He was to keep ice on last night and take pain pills. They want to do surgery on April 11 and put a pin in as the bone is apart between the 2 fingers. Then they will also put a cast on. His address is Salisbury, Pa. Rt. 1, 15558.

Rosie, dau. of Joseph A. Peacheys, is gaining some weight. She is getting Vit. B. 12 shots and goes to a chiropractor. She can't stand it to be up much.

Eli & Amanda Summy

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

April 11--We've had quite a bit of rain and now this morn. it's snowing again.

Millard Yoders had been to Lancaster last Tues. afternoon and then came home in time for prayer meeting Wed. evening.

George Pinkhams were guests at prayer meeting Wed. eve.

David Troyers and Gloria left early Friday morning for Sparta, Tenn. to visit Charles Dillers before they return to Honduras. Monday Davids went to Flemingsburg, Ky. to visit his sister, Abe Weavers, before coming on home tonight.

Manny Troyers went to Flemingsburg, Ky. Fri. and came back again Sun. night.

Uriah Millers went to Bedford Sun. morning for services. Our visitors at church were Anna Mary and Lee Fishers of Lancaster, Atlee Hershbergers and Paul Benders of Oakland, Neal and Eli Nissely of Paris, Tenn., also Sandy Gilpin, a neighbor to some of the brethren.

Manny and Mark Troyer went to Guthrie, Ky. Tues.

John Smucker, Millard Yoder and Urie Kanagy went to Mt. Perry, Ohio today, planning to return tonight.

Mrs. Urie Kanagy

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

Hagerstown Fellowship

April 16--There are discussions among the people as to whether the garden things and fruits will survive the unseasonably cold weather we had recently. We've had some welcome showers and it also is warming again.

On April 8 Richard Horsts were to Dohners Church and then visited with some of Anna Mae's family.

Abel and I were to Grace Fellowship Church and then visited in the Willis Martin home. Two of our grandchildren, Melisa and Eric Martin, accompanied us.

This weekend when the schoolteachers, Wesley Martin and Lorene Krieder, traveled to their homes near Meadville, Pa., Maurice Martin went along. He was to bring a message or messages for the Blooming Valley Church.

April 15 in the evening we had our quarterly hymn sing.

April 17 is the time for the semi annual Menn. Christian Brotherhood Ministers' Meeting hosted this spring by the Stoughstown Congregation.

Ralph Horst and Landis Martin returned home safely after enjoying the messages and the fellowship at the Contintent Wide Ministers' Meeting at Farmington, N.M. Mrs. Abel Martin

CHARLOTTE HALL, MD

April 17--Pastures and grain fields a lush green. Azaleas will not be as pretty this year as buds were too far open last week when we had a low of 26° again.

Amos R. Stoltzfus drew the lot Sat. for bishop in Middle district. May God be with them and help them adjust to the responsibilities.

Sun. communion services were held in North district and yesterday, Easter Monday, also in East. Next Sun. Ryceville and Northeast hope to have communion.

Following is a list of new addresses: Levi Swareys, 2030 Millwood Lane; Samuel Swarey, 2355 Millwood Lane; Israel L. Swarey (Bena Hertzler), 2235 Millwood Lane; Joseph R. Stoltzfus, 2050 Millwood Lane; Bennie A. Stoltzfus, 2400 Millwood Lane; Levi J. Stoltzfus, 2080 Millwood Lane (formerly 980 Woodburn Hill Rd.); Elam J. & Rebecca Stoltzfus, 2084 Millwood Lane; Reuben Z. Stoltzfus, 2200 Millwood Lane; Elmer & Elizabeth Stoltzfus, 459 Thompsons Corner Rd.; Noah & Barbara Hertzler, 1995 W. Tintop School Rd. All these are Mechanicsville, Md. 20659. Mary Z. Byler

OAKLAND, MARYLAND

April 17--Weather has been on the cool side with some snow flurries and frosts.

Communion church was held on Easter Sun. with Bish. Norman Schrock having the main sermon.

Emanuel Millers came home from Fla. Fri. a week ago in time for some snow flurries.

We spent Sun. a week ago with dau. Barbara, the Raymond Schrocks, attended services and us and Raymonds had dinner at Ura Kanagys'. In p.m. we and Raymond visited Roy and Esther Yoder, long-time friends. Esther is our schoolteacher here at Swan Meadow School and had a brain tumor operation a few months ago and is getting along as good as can be expected. On the way home we made a call at the Tom Colettis'.

The Robert Miller family of West Union, Oh. attended the farm sale at their son Andys' last Thurs. The Joe Benders of Catlett, Va. also attended the sale and had dinner at his sis. Rudy Yoders'.

The Milt Beachys from Somerset, Pa. were at the Henry Swartzentrubrs' Fri.

Sun. evening a van load from Geauga Co., Oh. came through here going home from Faith Mission Home and made a call at Mrs. Rachel Swartzentruber's and Robert Bylers'.

Savilla Yoder came home Fri. She was visiting her sis. Catherine at Salem, Ind.

Mrs. Saloma and Mrs. Rachel Swartzentruber, Norman Schrocks, Ervin H. Yoder and Olen Schrock, with Robbie Swartzentruber as driver, left yest. for Ga. for the funeral of Mrs. Mark Brenneman. Also going for Dorothy Yoder's funeral were Millard Yoders of the Swanton area, taking Harveys and Alvin C. Yoders along, also in Ga.

BITTINGER, MARYLAND

Swanton Mennonite Fellowship

April 18--It seems we're having March weather in April. One day it's nice and warm and the next it's snowing and raining with a raw wind blowing.

Mrs. Eli Yoder is in Delaware helping to care for her mother.

Friday Uriah Millers and Dennis Miller (Roys) were to Pa. to visit Ivan Miller, returning home again by Sat. evening.

Manny and Mark Troyer returned home Sat. from their trip to Guthrie, Ky. Joni Millers of Oakland had gone with them to visit their dau. and family, the Jesse D. Peacheys.

Martha Wengerd, Martha Esh, Rose and Raymond Fisher were to Paris, Tenn. for the weekend.

Visitors Sun. morning were John Eshs, Bedford, Paul Benders, 3 youth from Spencer, Wisc., Barbara and Elva Petersheim and Dean Farmwald and 4 youth from Linn, Mo., Joel Yoder, Jr. and Naomi Schrock and Arlene Grace Miller.

Sun. evening, Curt Duff, Oakland, was our speaker and his topic was, "Relating the Human Body to the Body of Christ, the Church." Curt is an R.N. at the Oakland hospital and is very knowledgeable of the human body.

The youth were to Eli Mulletts' new property Mon. evening helping them to cut down trees, drag out branches and underbrush, etc. The land they bought is mostly woods so there's a lot of work ahead for them. It's located on Springlick Rd., Swanton.

Millard Yoders left for Ga. Tues. for the funeral of his aunt. They want to be home again by Thurs. evening.

Our neighbors, Roy and Edna Beitzel, will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary Sun., April 22 with an open house here at the Bittinger fire hall. Their anniversary was April 17th.

Our church has all day conference meetings scheduled for May 3rd thru the 6th. Everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Urie Kanagy

SALISBURY, MARYLAND

Salisbury Menn. Church

April 19--The weather is cool here but some nice days.

Phil Bears and Joe went to an auction at Annapolis today.

The Nolan Brunk family came home for a week. They will leave next Tues. to go back to Carbon Hill, Ohio for several more weeks. They have sold their house there and are selling their business. Tony had stayed here and had traveled there for a week taking Augusto along. Now everyone is back home again. Tony went to pick up Sue Yutzy at the airport yesterday and will be here until next Tues.

We had a surprise baby shower for Glenda Petersheim on Mon. night, being at Titus Waglers'.

Titus Waglers are again taking a load of their belongings to North Carolina. They had their property sold and will live in North Carolina several mo. before moving to Belize for several years. We are making them a scrapbook to take along for a memory.

We are about to quilt a quilt for Joel Waglers who recently moved to S.C. Bernice Yoder is about to sew it together so it will be a remembrance from their friends here.

Carol Mast flew back from Oregon last week after visiting her special friend for a week.

Andrew Kauffmans stopped for the night, coming from Florida, at Alvin Masts'. His grandson John Byers flew to Florida to help drive the car home.

Joseph Masts

GRANTSVILLE, MD

April 17--Sometimes warm and rain, then snow again.

Communion church was held in Niverton dist. on Sun. Sermon by Noah Fisher, Daniel Kinsinger and Bennie A. Yoder. Those in church from other districts were Noah Fishers and Daniel Kinsingers.

Bennie C. Yoder and Bennie Fisher had gone to a milk meeting one evening with Bennie Yoder's horse and bugggy. When he came out to go home his horse had left. He wasn't at home so went to hunt for him and found him at a carwash. He got fast at a building and couldn't go on. No damage was done.

Fannie Zook's eye still hurts at the one corner where she had surgery, but she can see better now.

Enos M. Benders had fire in their furniture shop April 13 around 9 p.m. It started at the chimney. They had fire inn stove to keep their around 100 chicks warm which were also lost in the fire. It burned the shop inside and some tools and equipment are damaged which was used to make furniture. They also had made 2 new cupboards and a gun cabinet and some other furniture was scorched and burned.

There was a load in this area from Belleville, Pa. on Whit Monday, April 16. Those on the load were Aaron Z. Peacheys, David S. Kanagys, Daniel P. Kanagys, Jonas Yoders, Mrs. Arie Bender and dau. Emma, and Susie and Amelia Bender. Their driver was Dan P. Zook. Annie Peachey also came home with the load. She had been helping out at her bro. Menno A. Peacheys' in Belleville who have a sick baby. She was there for several months.

Bennie, son of Alvin Fishers who had his hand smashed under a cement slab, doesn't have it in a cast or pin in. His small finger isn't broke. It is the bone from small finger back at hand towards the wrist and next bone cracked in hand. The doctor put something on to pull it together and bandaged around it some way.

Eli & Amanda Summy

GRANTSVILLE, MARYLAND

April 20--Alton and Naomi Yoder had an Easter dinner Sat. for their entire family, including Victor Yoders of Charlotte, N.C. Keith and Debra Yoder of Manassas, Va. and Vernon and Eleanore Yoder and 2 sons.

Jordan Alton, son No. 3, was born to Vernon and Eleanore Yoder Easter Sun. morning. Daniel and Grace Miller of Grantsville are the other grandparents.

James and Margaret Schrock and son of Macon, Miss. flew in Fri. and visited her parents Daniel and Grace Miller over Easter. Daniels' son Ernest of Washington, D.C. was also home and the Millers had a family Easter dinner Sun. Little Jordan arrived in time for Margaret to see and hold her nephew at the Somerset, Pa. Hospital before returning to her Miss. home Mon.

Henry and Mary Emma Brenneman, Eli and Verda Swartzentruber, Carlton and Karen Orendorf left Sun. in Friendship Haven's van to attend the funeral of Vernie, Mrs. Mark Brenneman at Montezuma, Ga. The van developed a problem near Clarksburg, W.Va. and someone met them there with a van belonging to Ridged Ply Rafters Co. to complete their journey. Mildred, Mrs. Marvin Yoder, is in charge of Brenneman's Fabrics in their absence.

Mrs. Ruth Beiler, who had surgery on an infected finger in Sacred Heart Hospital at Cumberland, Md., developed a severe siege of gout, but is improving nicely now. Ruth had an overwhelmingly pleasant surprise on Mon. when her daughter Judy, Mrs. Tom Mayhill of Manitowoc, Wi. phoned and had her guess where she was calling from, then told her she was in Ruth's house! Judy has a week off from her teaching duties so she and the 2 youngest children came to spend some time with her mother.

We had a blessed Easter and communion service at Mt. View Sun. with Ervin Hershberger bringing the message. Visitors were the Eli Yoder family of Cochranton, Pa., the Mark Yoder family of Catlett, Va. (both sons of Elizabeth, Mrs. Allen Yoder) and Barbara Thomas of Germany. Elizabeth, Mrs. Noah M. Beachy, was also able to attend, the first time in years that she has been at a communion service. Although she was tired and could not understand the message, she enjoyed being there.

The Mt. View Christian School Chorus gave a program of Easter songs Sun. eve. after which the Mountain Anthems also sang a few numbers including "Gott Ist Die Liebe" in German for the sake of the German visitor, Barbara Thomas.

Lewis and Esther Tice, Milton and Anna Dora Yoder and Elizabeth Tice left in Elizabeth's car Mon. to attend the funerals of Vernie Brenneman and Dorothy Yoder at Montezuma, Ga.

David Beiler is a patient in Meyersdale Community Hospital for tests and observation of a problem with his heart.

Henry & Mary Yoder

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